

January 2, 2024
Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 10:20 AM, County of Elk Courthouse Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners M. Fritz Lecker, Matthew G. Quesenberry and Gregory J. Gebauer. Also present were Rick Brown, Solicitor; Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Kary Schneider, Deputy Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Calvin Moore, IT; Matthew Frey, Treasurer; Lee Neureiter, Register and Recorder; Kimberly Frey, Elections Director; Jack Cleaver, Ridgway Bicentennial Committee; Roberta Buehler, Executive Director Ridgway-Elk County Chamber of Commerce; Rich Warmbrodt, Guest and Marilyn Secco, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by M. Fritz Lecker to approve the agenda, seconded by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 19, 2023 Commissioners Meeting - **A motion was made by Matthew G. Quesenberry to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by M. Fritz Lecker. Gregory J. Gebauer abstained. The motion was carried.**
2. December 28, 2023 Budget Meeting - **A motion was made by Matthew G. Quesenberry to approve the December 28, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by M. Fritz Lecker. Gregory J. Gebauer abstained. The motion was carried.**

PRESENTATIONS - N/A.

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2024-01 – 200th Anniversary of Ridgway – Celebration Year. **Information was provided by Jack Cleaver and Roberta Buehler on proposed celebratory activities for the year. A motion was made by M. Fritz Lecker, seconded by Gregory J. Gebauer and carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Requested by St. Marys City Tax Board, Appointment of Commissioner Gregory J. Gebauer as the County's representative for the term January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027. - **A motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, seconded by M. Fritz Lecker, carried unanimously**

2. Renewal contract requested by District Attorney Groves, between PA District Attorney's Institute (PDAI) and Elk County to provide for victim notification services for the term January 1 to December 31, 2024. PDAI receives grant funding to provide this service statewide. - **A motion made by Gregory J. Gebauer, seconded by Matthew G. Quesenberry carried unanimously**
3. Requested by Children & Youth, renewal contract for Solicitor services with George N. Dagher for the one year term January 1 to December 31, 2024 with salary increase to \$40,778.34/year. **A motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, seconded by Gregory J. Gebauer carried unanimously for the renewal contract. A motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, seconded by M. Fritz Lecker, carried unanimously for the salary increase.**
4. Request by Ridgway Bicentennial Committee to partner in patriotic décor for Courthouse and Annex Buildings in conjunction with Ridgway 200th birthday. **A motion made by M. Fritz Lecker, seconded by Gregory J. Gebauer, carried unanimously, with condition they work in partnership with Commissioners' office and Ron Fannin, Maintenance Department Chair.**

CORRESPONDENCE – (The following correspondence, if any, is available in the Commissioner's office for further review.)

1. Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) (received December 21st) regarding Fox Township Sewer Authority's intent to renew PA DEP for a General NPDES Permit. This notice is provided in accordance with PA Act 14 which requires a 30 day public comment period.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and our children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS – N/A

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

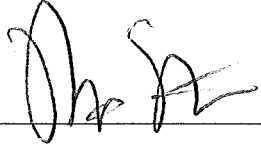
- Rich Warmbrodt raised questions about the registration fee, transfer of deed fee, and the reassessment of the County.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52AM on a motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously

Next Meeting:
Thursday, January 18, 2024
10:00 A.M. Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

Attest: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. S. F.', written over a horizontal line.