

JANUARY 17, 2012

**OFFICE OF THE ELK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ELK COUNTY, RIDGWAY, PENNSYLVANIA**

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 10 A.M. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Commissioners Daniel R. Freeburg, Chairperson, June H. Sorg, Janis E. Kemmer, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Sheriff Jeff Krieg, Sharon Burns, three members of the press and 7 taxpayers.

June Sorg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting, seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Janis Kemmer made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Janis Kemmer made a motion to approve the County's 2012 inmate housing contract with the Centre County Correctional Facility which was approved at the Elk County Prison Board meeting on January 10, 2012 at a rate of \$55/per day. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. June Sorg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-02 – Approving the 9-1-1 Telephone Access Plan. Janis Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. June Sorg approved the appointment of Jodi Foster to the Elk County Redevelopment Authority to complete the term of Bill Conrad due to his resignation from the Board. This term will end December 31, 2012. Janis Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. Janis Kemmer made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Michael Haines to the Elk County Redevelopment Authority for another five year term January 2, 2012 – December 31, 2016. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
5. Janis Kemmer made a motion to approve one (1) Veteran's Burial Allowance and one (1) Headstone Allowance for Veteran's Affairs. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills (which include bills that were not included at the last Commissioners meeting on January 3, 2012):

GENERAL FUND	\$ 175,547.76
PAYROLL	\$ 416,479.33
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 1,250.00
NATIONAL FOREST FUND	\$ 19,069.80
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 290.56
WORK RELEASE	\$ 19,733.99
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 21,091.53
HSDF	\$ 4,167.00
FSSR	\$ 2,392.00
2010 SERIES A OBLIG BDS	\$ 70,214.88
CDBG-C	\$ 16,533.43
2009 CDBG	\$ 11,004.04
2008 CDBG	\$ 9,108.05
2010 CDBG	\$ 16,130.50
HAZMAT	\$ 1,011.12
911 WIRELESS	\$ 19,235.16
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 44,105.66
WMD	\$ 45.34
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 500.70

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HPRP-310

\$ 15,961.00

Janis Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

A County notice, under the requirements of Act 14, to inform that Seneca Resources Corporation is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, and Transmission Facilities from PA DEP located in Highland Township, Elk Co., PA.

A County notice, under the requirements of Act 14, to inform that Seneca Resources Corporation is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration Production and Transmission Facilities from PA DEP in Jones Township, Elk County, PA.

A County notice, under the requirements of Act 14, to inform that Seneca Resources Corporation is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration Production and Transmission Facilities from PA DEP in Highland Township, Elk County, PA.

Seneca Resources and in accordance with Act 14, p.l. 284, notice is hereby given to submit a General Permit Registration to PA DEP, Northwest Regional Office for Proposed Spring Creek Waterline Extension, Highland Township, Elk County, PA.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

NEWS RELEASE – see attachment

Wilcox Presbyterian Women’s Organization has faithfully been sending money to our Elk County Children & Youth Services every year at Christmas to help meet the needs of struggling children and their families. After 25 years as an organization, they are coming to an end due to a lack of members. The Commissioners would like to thank Shirley Stanley and all the Presbyterian women who gave faithfully in helping the needs of less fortunate children and families of Elk County.

Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

Area residents and members of the Tea Party were present at the Commissioners meeting to discuss the affects of federal Senate Bill 1867, the National Defense Authorization Act that would legalize the U.S. government’s detainment of citizens possibly linked with terroristic activity. Sections 1031 and 1032 of the 926 page bill relates to usage of armed forces to arrest people pursuant to the authorization for use of military force in an effort to detain suspects under the law of war; who may have participated in the September 11th attacks . Blaise Dornisch voiced his displeasure with the recent passage of the National Defense Authorization Act. According to Mr. Dornisch, in Section 1032 regarding “requirement for military custody,” the document clearly states that the “requirement to detain a person in military custody under this section does not extend to citizens of the United States.” Mr. Dornisch requested county officials adopt a resolution expressing their opposition to the bill.

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The County Commissioners thanked Mr. Dornisch for informing them of this bill and they will definitely take a look at the bill and prepare a Resolution for the next Commissioners meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M. on a motion by June Sorg, seconded by Janis Kemmer.

ATTEST: _____
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 10 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2, ANNEX BUILDING