

JANUARY 6, 2015

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 10:04am in Conference Room 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture reading. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, June H. Sorg, Daniel R. Freeburg, Chief Clerk Jean Zore, and Solicitor Tom Wagner. Also present were Treasurer Peggy Schneider, Sharon Burns (filling in for Recording Secretary Chris Lilja) and three members of the press.

Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01 authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TAN), series 2015. The motion was seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.
2. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-02 authorizing the sale of certain property in Benazette Township, Elk County, Pennsylvania, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.
3. June Sorg made a motion to approve five (5) Veteran Burial Allowances, six (6) Headstone Allowances and two (2) Widow Burial Allowances for the Veterans Office, seconded by Daniel Freeburg and carried unanimously.
4. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn near the cannon to place a wooden A-frame to publicize the CAPSE, Inc. 2015 Polar Sweet Express fundraiser being held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the Johnsonburg Fire Hall. The motion was seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.
5. June Sorg made a motion to approve a contract amendment from the Food & Nutrition Service Management Evaluation of Pennsylvania's administration of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The motion was seconded by Daniel Freeburg and carried unanimously.
6. June Sorg made a motion to approve the Elk County Compensatory Time Policy beginning January 1, 2015, seconded by Daniel Freeburg and carried unanimously.
7. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve a Technical Service Agreement (TSA) between Zito Media and Elk County Emergency Services to configure and install a monitored switch with an Ethernet hand off emulation box to customer's edge equipment for an E-Line connection box to the 911 Center. The motion was seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$190,158.55
PAYROLL	\$242,382.74
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,836.46
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 1,008.03
MULTIPLE HOUSING ACCESS	\$ 6,850.00
HAZMAT	\$ 1,014.62
911 WIRELESS	\$ 13,232.02
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 32,286.50
	\$202,738.49

RECORD IMPROVEMENT	\$ 22,864.64
CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$ 54,400.00
DEBT FUND	\$ 10.56

Daniel Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Seneca Resources is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for earth disturbance with oil & gas exploration, production, processing or treatment operation, or transmission facilities from Pennsylvania DEP for an access road (Johnsonburg Road) in the City of St. Marys and Ridgway Township, Elk County, PA.

EOG Resources is submitting a Water Management Plan to Pennsylvania DEP to seek approval of two water sources for unconventional gas well developments located in Toby Creek's Watershed Associations' Blue Valley Treatment Facility between Brandy Camp and Elbon, east of SR 219, in Horton Township.

#### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS**

#### **QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

June Sorg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 AM, seconded by Daniel Freeburg and carried unanimously.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

**NEXT MEETING**  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015  
Conference Room No. 2, Courthouse Annex

**COUNTY OF ELK**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02**

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN BENEZETTE  
TOWNSHIP, ELK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the County of Elk is the owner of a parcel of vacant land situated in Benezette Township, Elk County, Pennsylvania, identified as part of Tax Parcel No. 01-21-211-3846, and consisting of approximately 27,000 square feet, consisting Town Lots No. 21, 19 and part of 17;

AND WHEREAS, the County of Elk acquired said lands as part of a conveyance by the Treasurer of the County of Elk to the County Commissioners of the County of Elk dated January 7, 1952, and recorded at Deed Book 200, Page 836;

AND WHEREAS, the County has received an offer from Charles D. Ruffo and Sylvia Ruffo, husband and wife, who are the owners of adjacent lands, to purchase said land at a price of \$1,000;

AND WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have received land appraisal report establishing the fair market value of said lots at \$500;

AND WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have no knowledge or reason to believe that the property to be sold contains oil, gas, coal, stone, timber, or other mineral or forest products of commercial value;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The County of Elk hereby accepts the offer of Charles D. Ruffo and Sylvia Ruffo to purchase the above-described land at the offer price of \$1,000, provided that the purchasers undertake all expenses related to the conveyance.
2. That the Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners and the Chief Clerk, are authorized to execute and attest a quitclaim deed for the said land to the purchasers, to deliver the said deed to the purchasers, and to execute any and all other documents required to complete the sale of said land.

ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

COUNTY OF ELK

ATTEST: Jean Zoro  
Chief Clerk

James C. Kummer  
Chairperson

David N. Taylor  
Commissioner

June H. Long  
Commissioner

**ELK COUNTY**  
**COMPENSATORY TIME POLICY**

Beginning January 1, 2015, the County will be implementing the following policy with respect to the recording of, accumulation of, and payment for compensatory time. Notwithstanding the following, all County employees are urged to perform services to the greatest extent possible within the normal operating hours of their respective departments.

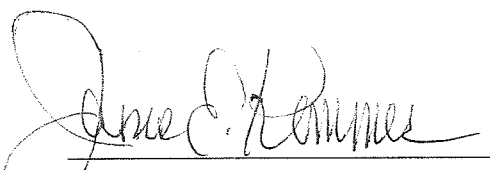
For exempt employees, the County will not provide for payment for compensatory time. These employees have received a salary adjustment to address the historically-weighted average of compensatory time claimed by them.

For non-exempt employees who are not union members, compensatory time may be earned and accumulated during a calendar year, subject to such limits as may be imposed by the department head. At the end of the calendar year, the employee will receive a lump sum payment (subject to normal FICA withholdings) for unused compensatory time during that calendar year. There shall be no carryover of compensatory time into a subsequent calendar year.

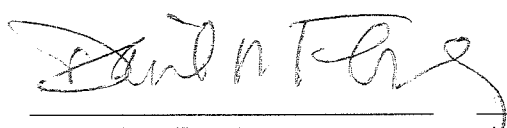
For union members, no changes will be made in county rules regarding compensation for compensatory time without proper collective bargaining.

It is the goal of the Elk County Commissioners to implement this policy in order to create a better and fairer compensation program for employees, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

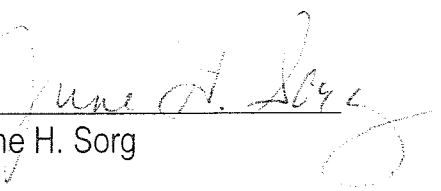
Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.



Janis E. Kemmer  
ELK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

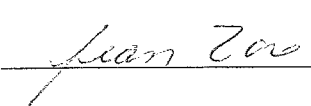


Daniel R. Freeburg



June H. Sorg

ATTEST



Chief Clerk, Elk County Date 1-6-15

JANUARY 20, 2015

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 10:00am in Conference Room 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture reading. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Chief Clerk Jean Zore, Solicitor Tom Wagner and Sharon Burns (filling in for Recording Secretary Chris Lilja). Also present were Greg Gebauer, City of St. Marys Mayor Bob Howard, City of St. Marys Manager Dave Green, and three members of the press.

Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting, seconded by Janis Kemmer, and carried unanimously.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution No. 2015-03. The motion was seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.
2. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the Savin Maintenance and Service Agreement between the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute and Elk County for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.
3. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve an engagement letter from Sharkey, Piccirillo, Keen & Hanzely, LLP to provide the audit for the County of Elk for year ending December 31, 2014, seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.
4. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the Elk County Exempt Employees Policy beginning January 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.
5. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the Children and Youth contract for fiscal year 14-15 with Dr. Allen H. Ryan. The motion was seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.
6. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve eight (8) Veteran Burial Allowances, eight (8) Headstone Allowances and seven (7) Widow Burial Allowance for the Veteran Affairs office, seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$159,914.64
PAYROLL	\$225,768.34
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 9,000.00
LIQUID FUEL ACT 144	\$ 1,450.00
WORK RELEASE	\$ 5,538.06
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 8,412.54
HSDf	\$ 12,500.00
HAP	\$ 6,954.00
REPOSITORY INSPECTION	\$ 300.00
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 33,125.50
CDBG-C	\$ 1,105.69

911 WIRELESS	\$ 5,823.87
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 4,598.16
NTRTP	\$ 15,419.46
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 58.25

Janis Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has entered into an option for the acquisition of land in Benezette Township, Elk County to add to State Game Land No. 311.

Fairview Coal Company has applied to PA DEP for a bond release in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, Chapter 86.171: Procedures for Seeking Bond Release for Fairview Coal Company. They intend to seek a release on 1688 acres, SMP # 24930102, Boderocco Mine, Elk County, Horton Township.

AMFIRE Mining Company, LLC has applied to PA DEP for a bond release in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Chapter 86.171: Procedures for Seeking Bond Release. They intend to seek a release on 187.2 acres, SMP # 24030103, Job 127 Mine, Elk County, Horton Township.

## **GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

CCAP has been working with PennDOT regarding implementation of ACT 89's \$5.00 fee for local use, which counties may assess on vehicle registrations effective January 1, 2015. The Elk County Commissioners have elected not to implement the fee.

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**

## **QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS**

Mayor Bob Howard informed the Commissioners of a recent report of an internal audit received from the Novak Group indicating that the City of St. Marys is well positioned for the future and there are no drastic changes needed at this time.

Mayor Bob Howard also discussed the projections for Marcellus Shale revenue, particularly from Seneca Resources. Seneca is projecting that in the next three (3) years the County, as well as the City of St. Marys, will see an increase in revenue which would double each year. With that in mind, the question was asked why the Commissioners were not looking into tax decreases for the citizens of Elk County. Commissioner Daniel Freeburg responded by stating that the Commissioners have already passed their budget for this year which did not have a tax increase. Mr. Freeburg also stated that with the recent change in governorship, it has left an open door of unknowns on ACT 13 and how it will be distributed in the future which raises a lot of conjecture. In closing, Mr. Freeburg stated that the County does not work on assumption and all decisions are based on fact and current information.

City Manager Dave Green thanked the Commissioners for the ACT 13 mini grant that was recently awarded to the City of St. Marys Police Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Daniel Freeburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 AM, seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2015**  
**Conference Room No. 2, Courthouse Annex**



February 3, 2015

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:3. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Commissioner, Tom Wagner, Solicitor and Chris Lilja Recording Secretary. Also present were three members of the press. Absent were Commissioner June H. Sorg and Chief Clerk Jean Zore.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the agenda with addition #5 to appoint and/or re-appoint members of the county to serve a two-year term on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve Ms. Claire Coffin, Adagio Health, as a voting member of the FRN Collaborative Board, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve two (2) Veteran Burial Allowances and two (2) Headstone Allowances for Veteran Affairs Office, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse lawn the week of February 21-28, 2015 for the Chainsaw Rendezvous, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following contracts for Children & Youth Services:
  - a. Shippenville Project Point of Light FY 14-15
  - b. Professional Family Care Services, Inc. FY 14-15Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
5. Appoint and/or re-appoint the following people to serve a two-year term on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee:
  - a. Jodi Foster (re-appoint) – Elk County Community Economic Development
  - b. Tina Gradizzi (re-appoint) – City of St. Marys
  - c. Michelle Bogacki (re-appoint)– Chamber of Commerce
  - d. Kathy Dowie (appoint)– Fox Township Municipal Building
  - e. Colleen Pifer (appoint)– Wilcox

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 258,750.16
PAYROLL	\$ 225,908.82
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 218.18
WORK RELEASE	\$ 1,448.47
SOLID WASTE ADMN	\$ 5,835.89
TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT	\$ 17.77
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 5,949.14
STORMWATER ACT 167	\$ 1,923.37
HAZMAT	\$ 237.34
911 WIRELESS	\$ 884.87
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 14,298.77
NTRTP	\$ 644.62

February 3, 2015

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

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Keystone PM has applied to PA DEP for a permit to modify its solvent use operations at its St. Marys, Elk County facility. It proposes to increase its emissions for a Volatile Organic Compound for Source #1005 – Dry-Lube Operation from 3.0 ton per 12-month period to 6.0 ton per 12-month period of n-propyl bromide.

The PA Game Commission is planning to replace a pipe culvert on the Middle Fork East Branch Clarion River. The project is located on an existing road on State Game Lands #25 in Jones Township.

Seneca Resources is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities for PA DEP for construction of a well pad, related infrastructures, and storm water management facilities related to unconventional gas wells in Jones Township, Elk County, PA.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

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

The Commissioners announced that they will be allocating \$500.00 annually to each of the 8 fire departments in Elk County from the Act 13 funds.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer.

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

February 17, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Amos 9:15. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were two members of the press. Commissioner June H. Sorg was absent.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a revised document for Clinton County Correctional Facility adjusting the new rate to \$70.00 for inmate per day housing, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously. (Retro)
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve three (3) Veteran Burial Allowances and three (3) Headstone Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn by the United Methodist Church to have an Easter Egg Hunt on March 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04 – A Non-Binding Resolution to explore organizing a Regional Rail Authority under the provisions of the “Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, P.L. 382”, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.
5. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following substitute appointments to the County Board of Elections for all proceedings relating to the 2015 Primary Election and 2015 Municipal Election:
  - i. Christine Lilja to serve in place of Janis E. Kemmer
  - ii. Jean Zore to serve in place of Daniel R. FreeburgJan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
6. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve Cristina Dauber to provide nursing duties in the Medical Department as determined by the County that are usual to the Elk County Prison at a rate of \$19.57 per hour for the year 2015. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$324,013.79
PAYROLL	\$225,192.79
ACT 13 MARCELLUS LEGANCY FUND	\$ 1,440.39
CO OF ELK DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 623.44
WORK RELEASE	\$ 1,450.49
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$105,471.37
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 14,999.00
CDBG 2013	\$ 93,277.26
2012 CDBG	\$ 24,417.00
HAZMAT	\$ 209.84
911 WIRELESS	\$ 85,817.16
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 49,241.15
NTRTP	\$ 14,120.88
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 11,425.20
DEBT FUND	\$ 2,102.06

February 17, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

MARCH 3, 2015

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex Building. The meeting was opened with Scripture Reading Exodus 14:14 and The Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Recording Secretary Chris Lilja, and two members of the press. Absent was Chief Clerk Jean Zore.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. June Sorg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05 - Funding and System Reform, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve one (1) Veteran Burial Allowance, one (1) Widow Burial Allowance and two (2) Headstone Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 77,556.66
PAYROLL	\$222,168.57
ACT 13 MARCELLUS LEGACY FUND	\$ 1,174.38
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 317.07
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,629.42
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 1,241.79
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 4,248.60
HAZMAT	\$ 61.96
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 1,377.12
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 9,254.38
NTRTP	\$ 63,000.96
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 8.25

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter of notification of PA Electric Company for the Elko-Forest 230 kV Loop to Squab Hollow Substation Project in Fox Township, Elk County, PA.

The Johnsonburg Municipal Authority is currently in the process of permitting a redesign of a storm water management pond located at their existing wastewater treatment facility. The improvements will require coverage under a General Permit mentioned above for portions of the proposed construction.

The Elk County 911 System Renewal Plan has been reviewed by PEMA and the PUC in accordance with the requirements established by the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act. The plan has been approved for implementation , effective February 12, 2015.

MARCH 3, 2015

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

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. on a motion by June Sorg and seconded by Dan Freeburg.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

March 17, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Isaiah 41:13. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were GIS Director Jim Abbey, CDBG Coordinator Tracy Gerber, Laura Krise, Ernie Mattiuz, PA Farm Bureau and three members of the press.

June Sorg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda, with one addition No. 4), seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Jim Abbey spoke concerning the Elk County public lands map he has prepared for our State Land Tax Fairness Coalition. Mr. Abbey stated that officials contend rural Pennsylvanians are facing a real estate tax crunch as the result of a high proportion of state land that is not taxed at market value. There are over 111,000 acres just in the national forest in Elk County. State forest takes up 95,265 acres while state parks account for 3,380 acres. State game lands cover 73,414. Private land taxed at market value is 126,578 while land exempt or not taxed at market value is 123,396. Total acreage for the county is 533,724. The PA State Land Tax Fairness Coalition hopes to see an increase in the in-lieu-of taxes payments on state owned land for each of the three taxing bodies in addition to a sharing of the revenue the state derives from gas/oil leases and timber sales on state forest land with the same three taxing bodies.

Ernie Mattiuz, PA Farm Bureau gave a legislative update. Members of the Pennsylvania Far Bureau have a list of key legislative issues they hope to see addressed this year. The initial update was put together in mid-February prior to Gov. Tom Wolf's budget proposal. Despite preliminary numbers farm bureau officials will be working to ensure that agriculture gets its fair share this year. In past years we have felt agriculture has been cut drastically to the bare minimum, and we're hoping to try to get some of that funding back especially in the field of inspections to make sure we have a safe food supply. We're also looking for increases for Penn State Cooperative Extension service as that's been cut over the years.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Elk County Planning Department following:
  - a. Approval of the Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan for HUD Funded Programs.
  - b. Approval of the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Plan (MBE/EBE).
  - c. Approval of the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
  - d. Approval of the Procurement Policy for County of Elk and "On Behalf Of" (OBO) Ridgway Borough.  
June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
  - e. Solicitor Tom Wagner after looking over said it was alright to approve. On a motion by Dan Freeburg seconded by June Sorg the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Citizen Participation Plan was approved.
  - f. June Sorg made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement between County of Elk and Borough of Ridgway for CDBG Program. June Sorg seconded the emotion and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector for the twelve (12) Elk County Tax Collectors for 2015. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. June Sorg made a motion to approve an agreement between the Board of Elk County Commissioners and Julie Cavalline to provide nursing duties in the Medical Department at the Elk County Prison at a rate of \$19.57 per hour for the year 2015. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

March 17, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to appoint J.R. Geitner to the Elk County Planning Commission to replace Heather Mader. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$259,770.21
PAYROLL	\$228,292.80
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 411.75
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,271.44
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 3,955.07
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 5,954.67
HAZMAT	\$ 1,080.74
911 WIRELESS	\$ 2,851.55
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 19,357.92
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 13,710.00

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of notification of PA Electric Company for the Elko-Forest 230 kV Loop to Squab Hollow Substation Project in Fox Township, Elk County, PA.

Letter of notification of PA Electric Company, filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.72 Chapter 57 Subchapter G with respect to the Brookville-Elko 138 kV Loop to Squab Hollow Substation Project in Fox Township, Elk County, PA.

Seneca Resources Corporation is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission facilities from PA DEP in Jones township, Elk County, PA for an expansion of an existing well pad, related infrastructures, and storm water management facilities related to unconventional gas wells.

#### GOOD OF THE COUNTY

The Elk County Commissioners are happy to announce that applications are again available for two (2) \$5,000 scholarships for students attending college to earn a degree in the natural gas shale industry. Applications may be picked up at the Commissioner's Office or online at [www.co.elk.pa.us](http://www.co.elk.pa.us), and must be returned by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2





The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 10:00am in Conference Room 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture reading. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Chief Clerk Jean Zore, Solicitor Tom Wagner and Sharon Burns (filling in for Recording Secretary Chris Lilja). Also present were Ernie Mattuiz, PA Farm Bureau, City of St. Marys Mayor Bob Howard, Tina Gradizzi, City of St. Marys, Josie Schultz, EQT, Richard Gavazzi, Elk County Planning Department, Mary Kalinowski, Elk County Historical Society and four members of the press.

Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting, seconded by Janis Kemmer, and carried unanimously.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to appoint Mr. Todd Caltagarone to replace Mr. David Green on the North Central Regional Planning & Development Commission Full Board. The motion was seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.
2. Janis Kemmer made a motion to approve Professional Training Associates, Inc. (PTA) to provide certified renovator lead based training services for Housing Specialist Richard Gavazzi, seconded by Daniel Freeburg and carried unanimously.
3. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the following individuals to the FRN Elk County Collaborative Board:
  - a. Betty Walter – Voting Member (Community Member)
  - b. Julie Kasmierski – Non Voting Member (North Central/WIC)

The motion was seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.

4. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the request for exoneration of 2014 Per Capita taxes for Emma Woodward, Tax Collector for Horton Township. The motion was seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.
5. Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the following March round of ACT 13 mini-grants:

Regular Funds

a. Johnsonburg Municipal Authority	\$ 5,000 (GIS System)
b. City of St. Marys	\$ 5,000 (GIS System)
c. Benezette Township	\$10,000 (Paving Church Street)
d. Bennetts Valley Ambulance	\$ 8,182 (BV Ambulance)
e. Penn Highlands Elk	\$ 4,000 (School Program)
f. City of St. Marys	\$10,000 (Generator)
g. Elk County Prothonotary	\$ 4,708 (Scanner)
h. Elk County Sheriff Office	\$ 1,600 (Vests)

Total \$48,490

ACT 13 Legacy Funds

a. Ridgway Little League	\$ 5,000
b. Johnsonburg Little League	\$10,000

Total \$15,000

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Daniel Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$239,312.68
PAYROLL	\$443,853.27
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,258.17
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 928.40
HAZMAT	\$ 489.88
911 WIRELESS	\$ 26,233.41
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 32,162.84
NTRTP	\$ 16,064.08

Janis Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Kleinfelder is applying for coverage under a General Permit 5 Application with the PA DEP and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for PA Water Obstruction and Encroachment and USACE Section 404 for a proposed E08-D Temporary Waterline that will consist of the installation of a 16 inch diameter waterline traversing Elk and McKean Counties.

EQT Production Company, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. is submitting a water management plan to renew a water withdrawal from Little Toby Creek associated with oil and gas exploration to PA DEP in Spring Creek Township, Elk County.

## **GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

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

Ernie Mattuiz, PA Farm Bureau, requested a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners encouraging the payment in lieu of taxes.

Mary Kalinowski, Elk County Historical Society, informed the Board of Commissioners on the current condition of Deckers Chapel in St. Marys. The chapel is currently listed as a historical landmark and is in need of repair to the foundation, along with finding a solution for water drainage issues. Ms. Kalinowski was asking the County to support their efforts in repairing Deckers Chapel. The Commissioners agreed to support the repairs needed in any way possible.

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS**

## **QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Daniel Freeburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM, seconded by Janis Kemmer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**  
**Conference Room No. 2, Courthouse Annex**

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Commissioner Janis E. Kemmer was absent. Also present were Rob Fallon and Sherry Tune from the Allegheny National Forest, Attorney Wayne Gerhold, Steve Quinn, Warden Greg GeBauer, Fred Peters and three (3) members of the press.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

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

PRESENTATION

Mr. Rob Fallon and Ms. Sherry Tune U.S. Forest Service Representatives gave the Commissioners an update on the efforts that are continuing to clean the Clarion River running through Ridgway and to stem the advance of forest pests like the Woolly Adelgid and eastern ash borer, two species responsible for widespread devastation in the area and beyond.

Steve Quinn, president of Diversified Coatings Inc. or Allegheny Coatings, announced the company is expanding its operations – a combination of coating and plating of powdered metal parts including those used by the automotive industry. With this expansion it is expected to create up to 50 new local jobs in Elk County. The new facility will be located in an industrial park on Servidea Drive in Ridgway Township.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-06 – A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Elk Pennsylvania, approving: THE ISSUANCE OF TWO NOTES BY THE ELK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIVERSIFIED COATINGS, INC. PROJECT. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve eight (8) Veteran Burial Allowances, six (6) Widow Burial Allowances and eight (8) Headstone Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following applications for County Aid in the amount of \$8,000.00 each from the Liquid Fuel Funds:
  - a. Jones Township to purchase 800 tons of 2A crushed limestone
  - b. Benezette Township – build a two bay salt shed
 June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$645,029.43
PAYROLL	\$267,115.29
NATIONAL FOREST FUNDS	\$393,595.69
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 40.80
WORK RELEASE	\$ 1,539.31
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 4,735.94
HSDF	\$ 12,500.00
HAP	\$ 6,955.00

REPOSITORY INSPECTION	\$ 400.00
MULTIPLE HOUSING ACCESS	\$ 9,855.37
HAZMAT	\$ 1,407.17
911 WIRELESS	\$ 21,366.66
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 2,934.04
WMD	\$ 249.00
NTRTP	\$211,907.25
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 2,144.63
DEBT FUND	\$ 16.51

June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

On behalf of Seneca Resources Corporation and in accordance with Act 14, p.l. 284, notice is hereby given that RETTEW plans to submit an ESCGP-2 Permit Application to PA DEP North-Central Regional Office for a CRV Pad C09-A in Jones Township, Elk County and Shippen Township, Cameron County, PA.

The Headwaters Charitable Trust on behalf of Clarion, Forest, Elk and McKean Counties is submitting an additional application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for funding to complete the acquisition of the Knox Kane Railroad for the purpose of developing a recreational rail trail.

As required by state regulations, E Carbon America, LLC is informing the St. Mary’s City Council of its intent to submit a plan approval to install a continuous furnace and a thermal oxidizer.

Advanced Disposal Services Greentree Landfill intends to submit an application to PA DEP for a permit amendment application request that the concentration-based limits for free available cyanide at Outfall 001 be removed from the permit (the mass-based limits for free cyanide will be retained) and that the sampling requirements at the facility’s storm water outfalls be modified.

Under the requirements of Acts 14,67, 68 and 127, Kleinfelder is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities from PA DEP for the proposed E09-S project that will consist of the construction of one well pad and one permanent access road. The Project will result in a total of 15.4 acres of earth disturbance and will not require any aquatic feature crossings. The Project is located in Jones Township, Elk County, PA.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

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

Discussion on the repairs to Decker’s Chapel on the Million Dollar Highway was made. Commissioner Freeburg said work continues to secure funding to repair the chapel’s damaged foundation. The 160-year old building, roughly the size of a large garden shed is currently closed pending the completion of those repairs. A grant application has been filed with the Stackpole Hall Foundation and fundraisers are reportedly also set to help raise the \$10,000 to \$12,000 needed. The Commissioners have committed roughly \$1,500 in leftover natural gas drilling funds to the project as well.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

April 21, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

St. Marys Councilman Greg GeBauer, who was in attendance at the meeting, thanked the Commissioners for their support, financial and otherwise to the Decker Chapel Project.

The Commissioners also thanked Charlie Stager for his input and help in restoring Decker's Chapel.

Mr. Fred Peters, a volunteer with the Veteran Affairs Administration, read a statement on his opinion of not hiring a Veteran for the recent Office Manager position in the Elk County Veteran Affairs Office. County Solicitor Tom Wagner explained to Mr. Peters the Commissioners stand on the hiring process and thanked Mr. Peters for his remarks.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by June Sorg.

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

May 5, 2015

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex Building. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Psalm 23:2. Present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Community Nurse Representative Rebecca Nelson, Treasurer Peggy Schneider, Kim Zimmerman, Peggy Howard, Tracy Gerber, Jim Steinbeiser and two members of the press.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

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

#### PRESENTATION

Rebecca Nelson, Elk County Community Nurses Association, gave the Commissioners an update on all that they are doing for the residents of Elk County and thanked the Commissioners for the Act monies they received.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. June Sorg made a motion to approve CDBG Fiscal Year 2014 Contract, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve six (6) Veteran Burial Allowances, Two (2) Widow Burial Allowances and six (6) Headstone Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following applications for County Aid in the amount of \$8,000.00 each from the Liquid Fuel Funds:
  - i. Jay Township – apply E-3 oil to various roads for dust control
  - ii. City of St. Marys – purchase 360.69 tons of 1b limestone
  - iii. Fox Township – paving various roads, including widening, base repairs, binder & wearingJune Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. June Sorg made a motion to approve writing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$202,800.77
PAYROLL	\$229,061.87
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 1,036.31
WORK RELEASE	\$ 1,626.24
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 1,748.10
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 26,416.62
GROWING GREENER	\$200,000.00
2011 CDBG	\$ 6,450.00
HAZMAT	\$ 1,496.64
911 WIRELESS	\$ 1,015.27
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 10,660.48
WMD	\$ 1,786.35
NTRTP	\$ 546.63
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 114.00



May 5, 2015

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

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

NFG Midstream Clermont, LLC is submitting notification regarding Clermont's request to obtain a general plan approval and operating permit from PA DEP'S Air Quality Program for the construction and operation of new equipment at the existing Clermont West Compressor Station located in Jones Township, Elk County.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

National Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at noon at the gazebo in front of the Courthouse. This is an excellent opportunity for our residents to join in prayer for our town, our county and our nation, and all those that work within.

Joe Piccolo, a professional painter from St. Marys, has offered to paint the outside of Decker's Chapel as a donation following the building repairs.

At the PA Wilds annual dinner on April 23th, Elk County was recognized for their continued support of the PA Wilds.

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

Jim Steinbeiser and Peggy Howard from Ride's for Vets spoke to the Commissioners and asked for any monetary help they can provide toward the purchase of two new vans to transport veterans to their hospital and doctor appointments.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 on a motion by June Sorg and seconded by Dan Freeburg.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

May 18, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Isaiah 26:3. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Recording Secretary Chris Lilja, Kathy Kroeger, Bekki Titchner, Peggy Schneider and three members of the press. Chief Clerk Jean Zore was absent.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

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

#### PRESENTATION

Ms. Kathy Kroeger with Cameron/Elk Mental Health spoke about CE is committed to providing cooperative leadership in fostering a quality, community-based and comprehensive public service delivery system for residents of our area most in need of services. That commitment also includes an assurance that services funded through CE will be provided where appropriate and necessary, in the least restrictive or least intrusive manner possible, will be cost effective and publicly accountable with respect to quality and cost.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the State Food Purchase Program Grant Agreement with Northern Tier Community Action. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a letter of intent in the amount of \$250.00 (non-refundable) to St. Marys Holdings LLC to hold a 1.879-acre Parcel G lot to the end of 2015. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. June Sorg made a motion to approve four (4) Veteran Burial Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$261,123.30
PAYROLL	\$286,171.81
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 9,000.00
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 74.71
WORK RELEASE	\$ 5,415.64
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 755.30
COMMUNITIES THAT CARE GRANT	\$ 105.80
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 8,691.50
WEST CREEK WETLANDS	\$ 814.51
2011 CDBG	\$ 8,895.82
2012 CDBG	\$ 2,717.74
HAZMAT	\$ 704.31
911 WIRELESS	\$ 7,256.88
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 23,899.94
NTRTP	\$ 15,419.46
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 3,898.00
DEBT FUND	\$358,923.75

May 18, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Horizon Wood Products, Inc. is applying for renewal of the PA Department of Environmental Protection, Air Quality Program for a state only Permit for a Biomass Boiler at their facility at Shelvey Summit, Kersey, PA.

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. is submitting a Chapter 105/Section 404 Joint Permit Application to PA DEP Northwest Regional Office for an application for a Phase 2A South Pipeline. NFG Midstream Clermont, LLC is proposing to install natural gas gathering pipelines between two proposed well pad sites in Jones Township, Elk County.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Primary Election is tomorrow, please vote.

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, June 2, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

June 2, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex Building. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Josh Dean and three members of the press. Absent were Commissioner Janis E. Kemmer and Solicitor Tom Wagner.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2015 meeting seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda with one addition, #6 Domestic Relations Cooperative Agreement, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following applications for County Aid in the amount of \$8,000 each from the Liquid Fuel Funds:
  - i. Horton Township – Pave T-327 Coder Road and T-451 County Line
  - ii. Ridgway Township – Crack seal various township roads
  - iii. Borough of Ridgway – Maintenance of Borough streets and traffic line painting
  - iv. Johnsonburg Borough – salt/anti-skid/road materials
  - v. Millstone Township – purchase 220 tons of 1B limestone and 92 tons DSA limestoneJune Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a contract with AVANCO/CAPS Version 10 Upgrades for Children & Youth Services in the amount of \$802.79. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a yearly Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Grant (retro) at a total of \$21,940.00. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a five (5) year Grant Agreement for the State Food Purchase Program. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
5. June Sorg made a motion to approve Mr. Todd Trinidad as a voting member of the FRN Collaborative Board. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
6. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a five (5) year contract between Elk County Domestic Relations and Cooperative Agreement Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 80,017.80
PAYROLL	\$281,333.96
ACT 13 MARCELLUS LEGACY FUND	\$ 2,636.55
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 47.00
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,378.32
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 25,511.61
TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT	\$ 96,949.00
HAZMAT	\$ 48.24
911 WIRELESS	\$ 1,332.61
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 8,525.74
NTRTP	\$ 423.00

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

June 2, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

CORRESPONDENCE

There will be an Emerald Ashborerinformational Workshop on June 18, 2015 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Allegheny National Forest Supervisor's Office, 4 Farm Colony Drive, Warren, PA 16365. Several EAB experts will be on hand to discuss this important forest pest which is now in the area. A Q&A session and light refreshments will be provided.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by June Sorg.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015  
10 am Conference Room No. 2

June 16, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Psalm 20:4. Those present were Chairperson Janis E. Kemmer, Dan Freeburg, Solicitor Tom Wagner and his associate Frank Straub, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shipe and their son Richard Shipe, III, Joyce Mioletto and three members of the press. Commissioner June Sorg was absent.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

#### PRESENTATION

The Commissioners awarded a \$5,000.00 scholarship from the Act 13 monies to Richard E. Shipe, III. Mr. Shipe will be attending West Virginia University majoring in petroleum engineering.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve three (3) Veteran Burial Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following contracts for Children & Youth Services:
  - a. FY 14-15 Western PA Cares for Kids
  - b. FY 15-16 AVANCO International, Inc.Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve an application for County Aid in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Liquid Fuel Funds for Highland Township for grading of various roads, DSA limestone (approx. 375.39 tons @ \$25.25/ton). Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$261,109.72
PAYROLL	\$231,681.10
NATIONAL FOREST FUNDS	\$ 4,584.14
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 384.14
WORK RELEASE	\$ 2,873.43
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 6,106.46
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 17,890.00
2011 CDBG	\$ 71,604.00
2013 CDBG	\$ 47,729.60
2012 CDBG	\$ 56,279.00
HAZMAT	\$ 1,224.13
911 WIRELESS	\$ 10,012.65
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 26,608.31

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

June 16, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

CORRESPONDENCE

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental protection has received a Water Management Plan Renewal Application for the Northwest District field by EOG Resources, Inc. Upon review, the Department finds that the application demonstrates that EOG Resources, Inc.'s proposed withdrawal or use of water in accordance with the Plan Renewal will satisfy the requirements under the 2012 Oil and Gas Act.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Information available for Clarion University Small Business Development Center.

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, July 7, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

July 7, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex Building. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Psalm 37:4. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Lucy and Luke Bobby, Katie McFadden, Richard Gavazzi and two members of the press.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

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

#### PRESENTATION

The Commissioners awarded a \$5,000.00 scholarship from the Act 13 monies to Luke Bobby. Mr. Bobby will be attending Pennsylvania State University majoring in engineering relating to the Gas & Oil Industry.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. June Sorg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-08 – PHARE/ACT 13 of 2012 Impact Fee Act, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09 – 2015, DCED, Single Application Grant Request, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve an application for County Aid in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the Liquid Fuel Funds for Spring Creek Township to purchase a side boom brush cutter and mower. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. June Sorg made a motion to approve a 2015-2016 increase of \$93.00 to Thomas Coppolo, Agency Child Advocate for Children & Youth Services. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$203,863.33
PAYROLL	\$226,030.54
DUI – CORRECTIONS	\$ 2,069.00
WORK RELEASE	\$ 1,880.71
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 826.45
MATP	\$118,097.00
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 27,540.00
HAZMAT	\$ 453.93
911 WIRELESS	\$ 67,636.72
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 6,885.21

June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners is applying for coverage under a Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands General Permit 11 for the repair of water obstructions or encroachments as required by the DEP under PA Code Title 25, Environmental Protection, Chapter 105, Dam Safety and Waterway Management for three locations:



July 7, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

- State Route 120, City of St. Marys
- State Route 219, Horton Township
- State Route 219, Johnsonburg Borough and Ridgway Township

The PA Game Commission is planning to replace an existing ford with a 50-foot bridge. The construction site is located off of Porcupine Road on State Game Lands #311 in Benezette Township.

#### GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Received an e-mail from Ms. Joleen Hindman, Area Manager, FirstEnergy Corp. – West Penn Power, asking to put the word out that there is grant money available from FirstEnergy for K-12 schools in communities served by FirstEnergy electric companies (which include West Penn Power and Penelec. They are offering Science, Technology, Energy & Math (STEM) education grants up to \$1,000. Additional information can be found on the FirstEnergy website: [https://www.firstenergycorp.com/community/education/educational\\_grants.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/community/education/educational_grants.html).

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

Work on Decker's Chapel will begin on Thursday, July 9, 2015.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

#### ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 on a motion by June Sorg and seconded by Dan Freeburg.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, July 21 2015  
Conference Room No. 2  
Courthouse Annex

August 11, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex Building. The meeting was opened with Scripture James 1:2 and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present was one member of the press. Commissioner June H. Sorg was absent.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda with one addition, No. 8, 2 year contract with Open Flow Energy.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following County of Elk Policies effective August 2015:
  - a. Affirmative Action Plan
  - b. Anti-Bullying
  - c. Mission Statement
  - d. Personnel Policy Update

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following 2015-2016 HSDF Contracts:
  - a. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc.
  - b. C.A.P.S.E.A
  - c. Community Nurses Home Support Services, Inc.
  - d. Dickinson Center, Inc.
  - e. The Guidance Center
  - f. Helpmates, Inc.
  - g. Life & Independence for Today (LIFT)
  - h. Office of Human Services, Inc.

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve on (1) Veteran Burial Allowance, four (4) Widow Burial Allowances and one (1) Headstone Allowance for the Veteran Affairs Office. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-08 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF 911 SUBSCRIBERS AND CONSUMER FEES FOR LCOAL USE AS PROVIDED BY 35 PA.C.S. 5406.1 OF CHAPTER 53 (911 EMERGENCY A COMMUNICATION SERVCIES) OF TITLE 35 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUES. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
5. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a contract with Dickinson Mental Health Center for Children & Youth Services. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
6. Dan Freeburg made a motion to appoint Dr. Pamela Allegretto-Dilulio to replace Mr. Dennis Crotzer as the Elk County Board Member on the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
7. Dan Freeburg made a motion to appoint Mr. Padrac McGrath to replace Ms. Jan Heberling on the Northern Tier Community Action Board. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
8. Dan Freeburg made a motion the approve a 2 year contract with Open Flow Energy to be our gas distributor. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$342,856.39
PAYROLL	\$458,241.42
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 8,000.00
NATIONAL FOREST FUND	\$ 30,995.13
ACT 13 MARCELLUS LEGACY FUND	\$ 19,250.07
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 47.00
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,337.64
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 12,387.02
RESPOSITORY INSPECTION	\$ 200.00
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 10,500.00
HAZMAT	\$ 2,441.70
E-911 WIRELESS FUND	\$ 3,344.17
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 3,022.08
NTRTP	\$ 1,721.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 3,006.00

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Ridgway Area Middle-High School is asking for help building a better community by partnering with area businesses/organizations to aid in the growth of area students and strengthening their partnership with business and industry. Please contact Ray Kelly if you are interested. [kellyray@ridgwayedu.com](mailto:kellyray@ridgwayedu.com). Phone 814-594-0369 or at 814-776-4208.

The PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau has filed a complaint regarding several businesses located in Elk County that have not been collecting and/or submitting their hotel tax, as required by law. It is the responsibility of the County to obtain the taxes. To resolve this problem they are asking the County to enforce this, and require that all businesses that have lodging collect and pay their hotel taxes.

PA DEP has received a Water Management Plan Amendment Renewal Application for the Northwest District filed by EY Production Company at locations in Little Toby Creek and Sandy Lick Creek at Palumbo Road.

EQT Production Company is providing notification regarding the renewal of Operating Permit (GP-5) for its existing natural gas compressor station located in Benezette Township, Elk County, PA.

Received a letter from Western PA Conservancy that fish habitat enhancement structures for a landowner (Mark Cukovich) in Elk County is currently under permit review. Project location is Isanogle Lane, Dents Run Road, Dents Run, a tributary of Bennett Branch, Benezette, PA.

August 11, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Elk County Commissioner June H. Sorg was presented with the Outstanding Commissioner of the Year at the 2015 CCAP Summer Conference recently in Pittsburgh, PA.

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, September 1, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with Scripture Reading Proverbs 26:20 and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Mike McAllister, Kim Frey, Leslie Neal, Rep. Matt Gabler, Nancy Baker and three members of the press.

June Sorg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda, with two additions:

No. 8 – a 5 year agreement with Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services (retro)

No. 9 – Resolution No. 2015-10 – Veteran Affairs Time Capsule

June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### New Business

##### 1. County Vehicle Bid Opening:

###### TRUCK

- |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| a. Al Gaurdino    | \$1310.00 |
| b. Dennis Eckert  | \$ 675.00 |
| c. Jeff Yates     | \$ 529.59 |
| d. Helen Marzella | \$ 601.00 |
| e. Rick's Auto    | \$ 555.55 |
| f. Don Eckert     | \$ 800.00 |

The bid went to Al Guardino for \$1310.00

###### TRAIL BLAZER

- |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| a. Jeff Yates     | \$ 650.00 |
| b. Wendy Schefkey | \$ 905.00 |
| c. Rick's Auto    | \$ 555.55 |
| d. Helen Marzella | \$1281.00 |

The bid went to Helen Marzella for \$1281.00

Dan Freeburg made a motion to accept the truck bid from Al Gaurdino for \$1310.00 and the Trail Blazer bid from Helen Marzell for \$1281.00. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

- Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a two (2) year Sale Agreement, September 1, 2015-August 31, 2017, by and between The County of Elk and Open Flow Energy. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) FY 2015-2016 allocation in the amount of \$450,826.00. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- June Sorg made a motion to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Emergency Management Performance grant in the amount of \$52,873.00. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the ACA Employer Reporting Service Agreement with Delaware Valley Health Trust (DVHT). June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve one (1) Veteran's Burial Allowance and one (1) Headstone Allowance for the Veteran Affairs Office. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

- 7. June Sorg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09 – KOZ Property Extension. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- 8. June Sorg made a motion to approve a Cameron/Elk/McKean 5 year agreement with Drug and Alcohol Abuse Services. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- 9. Dan Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10 – Commemoration and rededication of a monument and the laying of the Veterans Time Capsule at the Elk County Courthouse on September 12, 2015. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$252,708.75
PAYROLL	\$224,994.80
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 32,000.00
LIQUID FUEL ACT 144	\$ 372.85
DURG/ALCOHOL	\$ 28.60
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,862.83
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 5,001.92
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 1,000.00
HAZMAT	\$ 413.79
911 WIRELESS	\$ 38,346.15
EMERGENCY 911	\$ 35.97
NTRTP	\$ 15,843.06
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 2,962.00

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Fox Township Supervisors are proposing culvert rehabilitation in Fox Township, Elk County. The purposed project is located on T-339 (Squab Hollow Road) over an Unnamed Tributary to Benninger Creek.

Seneca Resources plans to submit a Joint Permit Application to the United States Army Corps of Engineers and PADEP, Northwest Regional Office for the Clarion River – Health Surface Water Withdrawal, Millstone Township, Elk County, PA.

Seneca Resources plans to submit an ESCGP-2 Permit Application to PADEP, Northwest Regional Office for Clarion River Water Line in Millstone Township, Elk County, PA.

Domtar Paper Company, LLC plans to submit a Title V Operating Permit Renewal Application to PADEP for its pulp and paper mill in Johnsonburg, PA.

Received a copy of the “final” 2015 NBIS Bridge Inspection Report for BMS ID 24720503310005.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Letters being sent to Senator Scarnati and Rep. Matt Gabler asking their leadership to resolve the budget impasse to assure critical human services programs.

September 1, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

Kim Frey – Voter Registration/Elections

Online Voter Registration

Explanation of substitute nomination of Jay Township Supervisor.

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

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2015  
Conference Room No. 2 10 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Philippians 4:8. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were CDBG Coordinator Tracy Gerber, Dave Neal from the Eads Group, and two members of the press.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Jones Township Stormwater Project Bid Opening
  - 1. Briggs Earthworks, Ridgway, PA \$120,755.00
  - 2. Dave Roman Exc., Inc., Reynoldsville, PA \$169,910.00
  - 3. Terra Works, Clarion, PA \$142,241.00

Contingent on the paperwork, the bid was awarded to Briggs Earthworks, Ridgway, PA in the amount of \$120,755.00

June Sorg made a motion to award the bid to Briggs Earthworks, Ridgway, PA in the amount of \$120,755.00, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

- 2. June Sorg made a motion to adopt a motion of the County’s intent to support a loan request to Cameron/Elk MH/MR in the amount of \$750,000.00 from Northwest Bank to cover services, etc., in lieu of a state budget being passed. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$172,453.66
PAYROLL	\$213,627.89
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 8,000.00
LIQUID FUEL ACT 144	\$ 7.99
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 74.24
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,841.77
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 4,018.31
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 5,000.00
MULTIPLE HOUSING ACCESS	\$ 2,250.00
HAZMAT	\$ 2,150.02
911 WIRELESS	\$ 81,637.81
NTRTP	\$ 14,120.88

June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mersen USA, St. Marys-PA Corp. will be submitting to PA DEP a Title V renewal application for their facility located at 1032 Trout Run Road. The application is being submitted to allow for the renewal of the existing Title V Operating Permit #24-00083 that is set to expire on July 31, 2016.

Received a letter from John Straitiff, PA Great outdoors Visitors Bureau, thanking Elk County for meeting with him on the matter of the issue of collection of hotel/room taxes in the county.

Ridgway Township is submitting a permit application to Elk County Conservation District for the removal of all of the existing gabion wall along Aylsworth Run for approximately 463 feet and replace with concrete barriers.



September 15, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will be applying for a permit coverage from PA DEP for PA Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit in Hicks Run Road over Sand Spring Run in Benezette Township, Elk County,

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m. on a motion by June Sorg and seconded by Dan Freeburg.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room. No. 2

October 20, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Philippians 2:14. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Lucy Schneider, Marti Masson, Kris Roselli, Susanne Schneider and two (2) members of the press. Commissioner June Sorg was absent.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve The Emergency Food Assistance Program for 2015-2016 between Elk County and Northern Tier Community Action Corporation. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve eighteen (18) Veteran Burial Allowances, twenty (20) Headstone Allowances and sixteen (16) Widow Burial Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve an Agreement by and between Value Payment Systems, LLC and the County of Elk Assessment Office to provide internet, phone and point of sale based electronic payment services to the Taxpayers of Elk County. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$121,390.16
PAYROLL	\$337,405.55
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 8,000.00
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 240.00
WORK RELEASE	\$ 1,616.72
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 4,479.22
2012 CDBG	\$ 21,208.39
HAZMAT	\$ 477.07
911 WIRELESS	\$ 10,720.66
NTRTP	\$ 14,120.88

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Keystone Powdered Metal Company is making application to Elk County Conservation District for a General Permit #3 for the stabilization of a portion of the ban along Iron Run due to severe erosion as a result of flooding that occurred.

October 20, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The US Forest Service is seeking a restoration waiver with PA DEP for the East Branch Spring Creek Large Wood Restoration. The project is located on National Forest System lands in Highland Township. The goal of this project is to restore aquatic habitat of East Branch Spring Creek, a High Quality-Cold Water Fishery.

Ridgway Township is submitting a permit application to Elk County Conservation District to remove accumulated debris from floodway and deposit in an upland area away from stream side. The project is located in Daguscahonda PA.

#### GOOD OF THE COUNTY

October celebrates Fire Prevention Week and Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Elk County.

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  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

#### ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Monday, November 2, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

November 2, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Joshua 1:9. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Recording Secretary Chris Lilja and one member of the press. Chief Clerk Jean Zore was absent.

June Sorg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve two contracts for Children & Youth Services:

- i. FY 15-16 Dr. Allen H. Ryen, PhD.
- ii. FY15-16 Daniel Francis Kysor, Licensed Psychologist

June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 85,672.18
PAYROLL	\$231,428.51
ACT 13 MARCELLUS LEGACY FUND	\$ 461.04
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 66.52
WORK RELEASE	\$ 3,372.67
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 6,095.05
HAZMAT	\$ 845.15
911 WIRELESS FUND	\$ 7,833.65
NTRTP	\$ 1,734.07

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The County received a letter from ATA thanking them for the commitment the county has made in the region to ensure that public transportation is available to the constituents they serve.

Pursuant to the requirements of 25 PA Code 127.413, GrafTech USA LLC – St. Mary’s notification that a Title V permit renewal application is being submitted to PA DEP, Bureau of Air Quality Control for the Company’s St. Marys facilities.

#### GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Tomorrow is Election Day – please go out and exercise your right to vote.

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

November 2, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by June Sorg and seconded by Dan Freeburg.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened the Pledge of Allegiance and with Scripture Reading Philippians 1:6. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Kindra Aschenbrenner, Matt Quesenberry, Bekki Titchner, Rich Gavazzi, Betty Kruger and two members of the press.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda, with one addition, #6. Approve the purchase of recycling building. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – Kindra Aschenbrenner spoke about the new program “Giving Tuesday in Elk County”

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Chairperson Jan Kemmer introduced Mr. Matt Quesenberry as the newly elected Commissioner for 2016-2019.
2. June Sorg made a motion to approve sixteen (16) Veteran Burial Allowances and two (2) Widow Burial Allowances for the Veteran Affairs office, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.
3. June Sorg made a motion to approve 2015 PHARE (Pa Housing Finance Agency) Grant Agreement, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse Annex Conference Room #1 for the Rides4Vets to conduct their monthly meetings in 2016. They meet the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
5. June Sorg made a motion to approve the following September 2015 Act 13 Grant Awards:

BRIDGE LEGACY FUND	
Horton Township	\$20,000
ACT 13 AWARDS	
Elk County Policy Department	
3 Departments @ \$350 Head Cameras	\$ 1,050
Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department	
Pump Repairs	\$ 5,000
Johnsonburg Volunteer Fire Department	
Fire Hose	\$ 5,000
Jay Township Volunteer Fire Department	
600' Fire Hose/Nozzle	\$ 4,500
Fox Township Sewer Cover	
Clarifier Cover	\$ 5,000
Johnsonburg Municipal Authority	
Storm Water Plan	\$ 5,000
Bennetts Valley Senior Center	
Tar/Chip Parking Area	\$10,000
CAPSEA	
Training	\$ 5,000
Rides for Vets	
Toward New Van	\$ 5,500
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	
For Operations	\$ 3,950

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Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

6. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the signing of an agreement to purchase a commercial building at 508 Washington Street, St. Marys for \$920,000 for the Elk County Community Recycling Center. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 21,615.39
PAYROLL	\$222,060.20
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 14,192.02
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 602.69
911 WIRELESS	\$ 6,780.73
DEBT FUND	\$ 86,223.75

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Headwaters Charitable Trust and the Elk County Freshwater Association will be applying for a waiver from PA DEP Chapter 105 permitting requirements for the Rocky Run Passive Treatment System in Ridgway Township and Bear Creek Acidic Deposition Remediation Site 1: Pine Run in Highland Township.

Seneca Resources, under the requirements of Acts 14, 67, 68 and 127, is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities from PA DEP for Elk Creek Surface Water Withdrawal in the City of St. Marys, Elk County, PA.

Mr. James Wonderly is submitting a General Permit #7 application to the Elk County Conservation District for their review and acknowledgement for a culvert replacement located at 995 Cleveland St., Weedville, PA.

Pursuant to Title 25 of Pennsylvania Code (25 PA Code) Chapter 271, Subchapter I, Greentree Landfill Gas Company, LLC is submitting a general permit renewal application for the operation of the Greentree Landfill Gas Processing Facility at the ADS Greentree Landfill. The facility is requesting to continue operations under General Permit No. WMGM028D003.

#### GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Happy Thanksgiving

The Elk County Probation Office was audited on September 14, 2015 by the Bureau of Probation Services and received a score of 100%. The Commissioners thank the Probation Department for their continued excellence in their department.

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

November 1, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. on a motion by June Sorg and seconded by Dan Freeburg.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
Conference Room No. 2  
10 a.m.



December 1, 2015

Office of the Elk County Commissioners  
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Proverbs 14:26. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Warden Greg GeBauer, Ed Warmbrodt, Greg Wonderly, Tracy Gerber and two members of the press.

June Sorg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda with two additions:

13 – Savin Contract - Prison

14 – Cameron County Housing Contract – Prison

June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### PRESENTATION

Elk County Prison Corrections Officer Greg Wonderly was honored by Elk County officials in recognition of a basic training academy award that he received in November. To receive a professional image award, it's voted on by the training sergeants at the academy for each group. There were four awards presented out of at least 150 trainees. The award is a first for an Elk County corrections officer.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve for display for twenty (20) days the 2016 Proposed Budget for the County of Elk. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to authorize County Solicitor Tom Wagner to prepare documents for the propose Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) in the amount of \$600,000. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. June Sorg made a motion to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Family Resource Network Board:
  - i. Lisa Cherry Voting Member
  - ii. Nina Ferraro Voting Member
  - iii. Cinde Schuckers Voting Member
  - iv. Michael Gwin Non-Voting Member
  - v. Meghan Allen Non-Voting MemberDan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to appoint Angela Eckstrom as the Executive Director of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
5. June Sorg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-12 – Approval of Community Development Block Grant Application. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
6. Dan Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-13 – Fair Housing Resolution. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
7. Dan Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-14 – Municipality Certifying Provision of Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
8. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the 2016 Calendar for Holidays and Meeting Dates. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
9. June Sorg made a motion to approve a contract for Children & Youth Services with NHS Pennsylvania for FY 14-15. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
10. Dan Freeburg made a motion to reappoint Mr. Fred Krug and Mr. Russ Braun to serve on the Elk County Solid Waste Authority. Their term will be effective from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2020. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

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11. June Sorg made a motion to appoint Mr. Matthew Quesenberry as "Commissioner Director" for the 2016 term with the Elk County Conservation District Board of Directors. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
12. Dan Freeburg made a motion to reappoint Mr. Ray McMinn from the Elk County Association of Township Officials to serve on the Elk Conservation District Board for a 4-year term. The four-year term shall run from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019 as a Farmer Director. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
13. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Savin Maintenance and Service Agreement between the PA District Attorneys Institute and Elk County for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.
14. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a 3 year contract with Cameron County and the Elk County Prison for housing. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Sorg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$182,384.84
PAYROLL	\$226,871.58
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 132.10
WORK RELEASE	\$ 816.68
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 657.24
CDBG 2013	\$ 33,483.14
HAZMAT	\$ 1,511.03
911 WIRELESS FUND	\$ 7,068.90
NTRTP	\$ 15,854.95
DEBT FUND	\$ 58.66

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### GOOD OF THE COUNTY

There will be a special meeting to adopt the 2016 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Register at PA Career Link to enroll in a Fit 4 Manufacturing Short-term Training Program. Call in Elk County 834-2857.

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

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

#### ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded the June Sorg.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, December 22, 2015  
Conference Room No. 2 Annex



The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Luke 1:30. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were James McClain, Greg GeBauer, and three members of the press.

June Sorg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. June Sorg made a motion to approve a Contract for Services by and between The County of Elk and Tabia J. Cole, Esq. to fill a vacancy in the Office of Public Defender. This is a four (4) year term for calendar years 2016-2019. Ms. Cole will be replacing Mr. James L. Martin. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. June Sorg made a motion to approve eleven (11) Widow Burial Allowances for the Veteran Affairs Office, seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to re-appoint Carl Gamarion, Jr. and James McClain to another 4 year term ending December 31, 2019 to the Elk County Planning Commission Board. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. Effective January 4, 2016, Mr. Matthew Quesenberry will be taking the Oath of Office for a four (4) year term as Elk County Commissioner.
5. Effective January 4, 2016, June H. Sorg will be retiring as an Elk County Commissioner.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$138,443.35
PAYROLL	\$224,736.06
LIQUID FULE	\$ 8,000.00
ACT 13 MARCELLUS LEGACY FUND	\$ 4,739.68
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 155.00
WORK RELEASE	\$ 7,366.08
RECYCLING CTR BLDG FUND	\$ 9,200.00
SOLID WASTE ADMIN	\$ 1,081.31
REPOSITORY INSPECTION	\$ 200.00
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 24,668.00
HAZMAT	\$ 1,082.82
911 WIRELESS FUND	\$ 91,308.88
DEBT FUND	\$ 152.77

June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Seneca Resources is providing notification regarding the General Operating Permit (BAQ-GPA/GP-5) application submitted to PA DEP, Air Quality Program regarding their natural gas compressor located in Highland Township, Elk County, PA (Owl's Nest).

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Windstream Pennsylvania LLC is filing an original of an Application for Approval of a Crossing of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad Company along SR 2004, Weedville Township of Benezette, Elk County, PA.

US Resistor, Inc. is applying to PA DEP, Bureau of Air Quality Control for a permit renewal to State Only Operating Permit– 24-00126, at their facility located in St. Marys, PA.

EQT Production Company plans to file a Water Management Plan with PA DEP, Bureau of Oil and Gas Management for the renewal of withdrawal of treated mine water from the Toby Creek Watershed Association at Blue Valley Treatment Plant in Horton Township, Elk County, PA.

#### GOOD OF THE COUNTY

There will be a special Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 to approve the Proposed 2016 County Budget and to introduce newly hired Public Defender, Tabia Cole.

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

#### QUESTIONS FROM TAXAPERS

James McClain voiced his concerns concerning the re-districting of voter places in Highland Township. He also asked for a copy of the proposed Commissioners Budget for 2016.

#### ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. on a motion by June Sorg and seconded by Dan Freeburg.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, December 22, 2015  
10 a.m. Conference Room No. 2

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The Elk County Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Annex Building. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Luke 2:11. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, June H. Sorg, Recording Secretary Chris Lilja, Public Defender Tabia Cole and three members of the press. Absent were Solicitor Tom Wagner and Chief Clerk Jean Zore.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting, seconded by June Sorg and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda with one addition, #4 – a letter from Solicitor Tom Wagner to retiring Commissioner June Sorg. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioners Kemmer, Freeburg and Sorg officially welcomed Tabia Cole as the new public defender for Elk County, replacing James Martin who was recently elected magistrate of Magisterial District Court 95-3-02 in Johnsonburg.
2. June Sorg made a motion to approve the Proposed Elk County 2016 Budget, adding that the Commissioners did not have to raise taxes for the coming year. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-15 – Authorizing the Issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation note (TAN) in the amount of \$600,000. June Sorg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. Solicitor Tom Wagner, who could not attend the meeting, sent a letter to Commissioner Sorg, thanking her for her 24 years of service to Elk County. He stated that she had a positive impact on the economy of Elk County through her service on the NCPRPDC and that her tenure with CCAP brought many helpful ideas and new programs back to Elk County which has saved the taxpayers of the county a lot of money. He also described her as a compassionate conservative, and touted her support of numerous human service programs currently operating in Elk County and noted her personal concern for the welfare of county employees who have experienced medical or emotional problems often going an extra mile to help these employees keep their jobs when a less concerned employer might have discharged them. Commissioners Kemmer and Freeburg echoed his sentiments and expressed their thanks for her many years of service to the community as well.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

#### ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 on a motion by Dan Freeburg, seconded by Jan Kemmer.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016  
Conference Room No. 2 Annex  
10:00 a.m.