

January 19, 2021

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

The Elk County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 10:00am in Conference Room No. 2 of the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those physically present were Commissioners M. Fritz Lecker and Matthew Quesenberry. Commissioner Joseph Dagher was excused. Also present were Seth Higgins, Chief Clerk; Samantha Mitchell, Deputy Chief Clerk; Greg Gebauer, Warden; Mike McAllister, EMA Director; Dan Rimer, I.T. and Brian Stockman, Press. Tom Wagner, Solicitor attended via Zoom.

Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 regular and reorganization meetings seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

- M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-02: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the County of Elk and the Borough of Ridgway. This was seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.
This is for the 311 South Street property for additional employee parking.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to renew the nursing contracts for the Elk County Prison seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously. These are 3-year contracts. The nurses will receive the same pay increase as non-union County employees each year. There are 5 nurses; 1 full time and 4 part time.
2. Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to renew the MOU with Indiana County for inmate housing (\$65/day). This motion was seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.
3. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to renew the SAVIN (State Automated Victim Information Notification System) agreement. This motion was seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously. This is a 1-year agreement. There is no monetary contributions from the County for this agreement.
4. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to appoint Cheryl Ruffner to the Elk County Housing Authority Board based on the recommendation from the Elk County Housing Authority Board. Cheryl's term will run from January 1, 2021-December 31, 2024. Commissioner Lecker's motion was seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.
5. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to approve the engagement letter for bond council services with Dinsmore and Shohl seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.
6. Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to re-appoint Joseph Haines to the Elk County Redevelopment Authority Board based on the recommendation from the Elk County Redevelopment Authority Board. Joseph's term will run through December 31, 2025. Commissioner Quesenberry's motion was seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.
7. Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to approve the CYS new contract for FY 2020-2021 with Grace Wellness Center seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.
8. Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to approve the CYS new contract for FY 2020-2021 with Triple P/Incredible years that was amended through Dickinson Center, Inc. This motion was seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

9. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to approve the PEMA Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant \$1,315,817.20 seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.
10. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to approve the demolition agreement between the County of Elk and the Borough of Ridgway for the demolition of the house at 311 South Street seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously. The County will reimburse the Borough of Ridgway for their expenses for the project. The project is to be completed by March 31, 2021 (weather dependent).

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: January 1, 2021 → January 15, 2021

GENERAL FUND	\$167,895.93
PAYROLL	\$257,541.66
LIQUID FUELS	\$7,000.00
LIQUID FUEL ACT 44	\$1,400.00
COE SUBSTANCE ABUSE	\$316.25
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE/ACT 13	\$4,279.62
PHARE GRANT	\$10,200.00
HAZMAT	\$4,609.85
E911 WIRELESS	\$12,097.46
NTRP	\$32,602.52
DEBT FUND	\$1,185.25

→ Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to approve the payment of the bills listed above seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

Q: Brian Stockman – When are the Act 13 Grants due?

A: Applications must be in by March 1, 2021.

Q: Brian Stockman – Roughly, what is the anticipated cost of the demolition of 311 South Street.

A: Roughly between \$8,000 - \$10,000. That is on the high side. We expect it to be lower.

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS – N/A

CORRESPONDENCE –N/A

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- Mike McAllister, EMA Director as well as Greg Gebauer, Warden were present to discuss the County's role in COVID – 19 Vaccinations. Mike went on to say the County is collaborating with the DOH and the state. The County's guidance comes from both state and federal guidelines. Mike expressed how fluid the situation is and information is constantly being updated. We are still in Phase 1A which makes about 800,000 Pennsylvanians eligible for this phase. They will then move to the next phase which is 1B which includes 65 and older, secondary first responders (ex. Firemen, policemen, probation, corrections officers, etc.) Next would be 1C that would encompass pretty much the majority of the individuals who are healthy. Group 2 would then be anyone that remains that did not receive their vaccination. One major clarification Mike wanted to stress is the County is in no way in charge of the vaccination process. The County is not managing it in anyway. All that the

County is to do is to supply whatever type of support the agencies providing the clinics need whether that is looking for traffic control or individuals to volunteer to help keep the clinics organized.

- Commissioner Lecker took a moment to acknowledge the passing of T.O. Fitch last week. The commissioners express their sincerest condolences to the family and expressed what a huge impact T.O. had on the entire Elk County community. Commissioner Quesenberry stated his feelings about T.O.'s unexpected passing as well. He will greatly be missed.
- Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and our children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am on a motion by M. Fritz Lecker seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____


Chief Clerk

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021
10:00AM CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING