

March 2, 2021

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

The Elk County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 2, 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 Joseph Dagher, M. Fritz Lecker and Matthew Quesenberry. Also present were Seth Higgins, Chief Clerk; Samantha Mitchell, Deputy Chief Clerk; Kim Frey, Director of Elections; Billie Jo Weyant, Executive Director of CAPSEA; Dan Rimer, I.T. and Brian Stockman, Press. Tom Wagner, Solicitor and Theresa Bohni, member of the public, attended via Zoom.

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

Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Matthew Quesenberry made a motion to approve the exoneration request for the outstanding Per Capita taxes for the year 2018 for Jones Township seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.
2. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to approve the Courthouse Lawn Request Use Form for Black Balloon Awareness Day – March 5th to the 7th – Messengers Supporting Recovery. This motion was seconded by Joseph Dagher and carried unanimously.
3. Joseph Dagher made a motion to approve the CYS Renewal Contract for FY 2020-2021 with Peter von Korff, PH.D. (Psychologist) seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.
4. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to approve the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Elk and the United Mine Workers local Union 8923 Court Related and Prison units seconded by Joseph Dagher and carried unanimously.
5. Joseph Dagher made a motion to approve the Professional & Administrative Services Agreement between Elk County and North Central for the COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP) seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.
6. M. Fritz Lecker made a motion to approve the Emergency Rental Assistance Program between the County of Elk And CAPSEA – Billie Jo Weyant, Executive Director of CAPSEA seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: February 12, 2021 – February 26, 2021

GENERAL FUND	\$606,381.04
PAYROLL	\$255,394.55
RECYCLING CTR BUILDING FUND	\$12,000.00
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE/ACT 13	\$2,648.04
CDBG-C	\$92,276.62
PHARE GRANT	\$75,000.00
2016 CDBG	\$549.60
2017 CDBG	\$14,224.58
HAZMAT	\$63.59
E911 WIRELESS	\$12,155.77
NTRP	\$15,951.99

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

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

- Brian Stockman asked how many applications came in for the Act 13 funds. M. Fritz Lecker replied 25-30 applications.

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

- Theresa Bohni asked if the grant funding would include homeowners with mortgages or if it was just for renters. M. Fritz Lecker replied that the funds are for renters and landlords only.

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, St. Marys, PA. 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 August 31, 2021.
- Greentree Landfill, LLC. will submit a permit reissuance application to the PA DEP Waste Management Program for the Greentree Landfill located at 635 Toby Road in Fox Township, Elk County, PA.
- DCNR intent to register for a GP-1 Fish Habitat Enhancement Structure permit located on Medix Run and the Jack Dent Branch.
- Renewal application for the National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (NFGSC) Synthetic Minor Operating Permit for the Island Run Compressor Station, located in Ridgway Township, Elk County.
- Jones Township is submitting a General Permit Registration (GP-3) to the Elk County Conservation District for Fishing Pier Streambank Repair located at the Jones Township Community Park.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- Kim Frey, Director of Elections, provided an update for the upcoming election. Kim explained it is petition time right now. Petitions must be filed by March 9, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Kim reported there have been 34 petitions filed and there are over 100 positions available locally. If anyone would like to get a petition, they can pick one up in the elections office.

- 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 10:27am on a motion by M. Fritz Lecker seconded by Matthew Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

ATTEST: 
Chief Clerk

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
10:00AM CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING