

March 5, 2019

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

The Elk County Commissions met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00am in Conference Room No. 2 of the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Chairperson Dan Freeburg, Lee Neureiter, Chief Clerk, Samantha Beaver and Ernie Mattiuz. Also present were Brian Stockman and Jacob Perryman of the press.

Dan Freeburg started the meeting by stating due to Matthew Quesenberry being out of town and Jan Kemmer currently sick there will be no quorum today; however, we will proceed with the presentation from the Farm Bureau.

PRESENTATION

Ernie Mattiuz from the Farm Bureau gave a presentation regarding the recent updates to many issues within PA and what the Farm Bureau is trying to accomplish. Some important information topics presented by Ernie as follows:

- This is the first time in decades there are no funding cuts for Agriculture.
- Some issues within Pennsylvania that are being discussed for action by PFB Legislative Committees are:
 - State agricultural appropriations for FY 2019-2020
 - Agritourism laws to give farmers certainty in risk of liability
 - Fairness and transparency in gas well operations and assessment of royalty deductions
 - Sunday Hunting
 - Changes to Vehicle Code for Agriculture
 - Tax credit program for sale or lease of farms to beginning farmers
 - Legislation to facilitate conversion and use of farm buildings for entertainment and social events
 - Rural broadband development

Lastly, Ernie reported the Summer Update will be held on August 16, 2019 at Chicken Hill Distillery.

COORESPONDENCE

1. Received notification from the DEP reporting they received receipt of the Elk County Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) regarding the County's FY 2017 CDBG Grant. There were no identified issues from this review.
2. Received notification from the DEP stating they received a request from Hunt Marcellus Operating Company, LLC to rescind their Water Management Plan for the Northwest District. Upon review the DEP approved the request to rescind it.

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.
- ❖ Dan Freeburg made comment that Petition signing began today for anyone running for office.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am on a motion by Dan Freeburg.

ATTEST: 
Chief Clerk

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
10:00AM CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING