

January 15, 2019

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

The Elk County Commissions met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 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 Commissioners Dan Freeburg, Chairperson, Janis E. Kemmer, Matthew Quesenberry and Tom Wagner, Solicitor. Also present were Lee Neureiter, Chief Clerk, Samantha Beaver, Deputy Chief Clerk, Greg Gebauer, Warden, Kathy McClelland, Planning, Tracy Gerber, CDBG Coordinator, Jim Chorney, North Central and Jacob Perryman, Press.

Matt Quesenberry made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 2, 2019 meeting seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Matt Quesenberry carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Jim Chorney from North Central was in attendance today. He took a few brief minutes to discuss a project they are working on at North Central. Jim stated North Central is a Broad Band Internet Provider. They haven't ventured into the residential settings; however, they are now doing a pilot program up in McKean County for a small community that does not have any access to the internet in their community. He stated they are mounting their equipment to a very large old telephone pole rather than running fiber optic lines. Jim said this is a pilot program to see how this would work. He hopes they can help areas within the communities that have little to no internet service at all. He stated they are hoping to use grant monies available from the grants North Central has or team up with the Counties to cover the initial costs which can range from \$2,500-\$5,000. Essentially if this program takes off, they are looking for an entrepreneur to head the program. He said obviously North Central would help get this up and running. He also stated North Central hopes this makes large internet providers aware there is a major issue with coverage or lack thereof in many places in our area. Hopefully those providers will use technology and start offering service in these areas. Overall he is hopeful that the outcome of the pilot will be a good one that can be utilized elsewhere.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Matt Quesenberry made a motion to reappoint Beverly C. Dietz to the Elk County Industrial Development Authority Board (Term January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2024). Jan Kemmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Dan Freeburg made a comment thanking Beverly for her service on the board.
2. Jan Kemmer made a motion to reappoint Patricia Brennen to the Elk County Redevelopment Authority Board (Term January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023). Matt Quesenberry seconded and motion carried unanimously. Dan Freeburg made a comment thanking Patricia for her service on the board.
3. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the contract for Inmate Housing between Elk County and Cameron County for 2019, 2020 and 2021 at a rate of \$60/day. Matt Quesenberry seconded and carried unanimously.
 - a. Warden Gebauer stated it doesn't happen very often that Elk County can house outside inmates due to the rising numbers in house in Elk County, but if the opportunity presents itself they certainly will house an inmate from Cameron County and try to make a few extra bucks.

4. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the revised Elk County Accessible Housing Program Guidelines. Matt Quesenberry seconded and motion carried unanimously.
5. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the revised Elk County Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines. Matt Quesenberry seconded and motion carried unanimously.
 - a. Kathy McClelland from Planning was present to explain #4 & #5 further: Kathy stated these are the guidelines she used to qualify consumers. She stated the content remained the same; however, it was just reworded to better accommodate the citizens of Elk County.
6. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the Revision of the Elk County CDBG FY 2015. Matt Quesenberry seconded and motion carried unanimously.
 - a. Tracy Gerber was present to explain in more detail: Tracy explained that the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority Water Meter Installation Project has been completed and there were left over funds in the amount of \$1,869.15. She proposed to move these left over funds to the approved Johnsonburg Community Center Playground Project. This would take the Johnsonburg Community Center Project to a total of \$53,390.15 and the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority new total to \$121,130.85.
7. Matt Quesenberry made a motion to approve the CY5 Contract for FY 18-19 with Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County Contract. Jan Kemmer seconded and carried unanimously.
8. Jan Kemmer made a motion to reappoint the following members for a two year term on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. Matt Quesenberry seconded and carried unanimously. Once again, Dan Freeburg thanked these individuals for their service on this committee. It is greatly appreciated.
 - a. Kathy Dowie, Fox Twp.
 - b. Tina Gradizzi, City of St. Marys
 - c. Jodi Foster, Elk Co. Planning
 - d. Michelle Bogacki, Ridgway Twp.
 - e. Paul McCurdy, Ridgway Borough

APPROVAL OF BILLS – January 1, 2019 → January 11, 2019

GENERAL FUND	\$233,773.06
PAYROLL	\$246,739.10
COE DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$231.06
COE SUBSTANCE ABUSE	\$100.00
FEDERAL SOCIAL SERVICE/EMERGENCY SHELTER	\$6,954.00
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$14,007.02
HAZMAT	\$193.29
E-911 WIRELESS FUND	\$52,292.78
LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH	\$721,119.24
NTRP	\$317,269.46
DEBT FUND	\$1,185.25

- Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the payment of the bills listed above seconded by Matt Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

COORESPONDENCE

1. Received Act 14 Notification from St. Marys Area Water Authority for a renewal application with the PADEP for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Permit PA0034789 for NPDES Permit Discharge for treated wastewater from the Authority's Water Treatment Plant to Laurel Run.
2. Received notification that the PADEP has completed the Environmental Assessment Process evaluation for the proposed residual waste transfer station (James City Injection Well Facility) application submitted by Highland Field Services, LLC. The DEP will now proceed to the technical review of the information contained in the permit application.

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 – N/A

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21am on a motion by Matt Quesenberry seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST: 
Chief Clerk

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019
10:00AM CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING