

January 16, 2018

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection for veterans and their families. Those present were Commissioners Matthew G. Quesenberry, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Janis E. Kemmer, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Lee Neureiter and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Coroner Michelle Muccio, Dan Rimer, Katie McFadden and two (2) members of the press.

Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2018 meetings seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

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

#### PRESENTATION

The Elk County Commissioners heard a report from Coroner Michelle Muccio focusing on concerns over opioid overdose trends. While she gave statistics on cases investigated by her office in 2017, her presentation focused largely on the recent wave of overdose deaths statewide due to usage of the drug fentanyl. The coroner's office investigated twice as many deaths eventually ruled overdoses as it did in 2016 and approximately half involved fentanyl. In 2016, no overdose deaths involved the drug. As little as three grains of sand of fentanyl can kill you, she said. Of the four deaths, the amounts of fentanyl detected in the systems of those who overdosed were the equivalent to more than 50 and as much as 150 grains of sand. That's enough to kill 40 to 50 people.

Due to its high toxicity, the drug is dangerous even to those not taking it, including first responders and families of overdose victims. Be extremely careful if you find anything when you're cleaning up drug users homes, she warned. Overall Muccio's office investigated 92 deaths in 2017, firmly within her estimate of the average caseload of 80 to 120 per year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve a Contract for Services by and between the County of Elk and Gary A. Knaresboro, Esq. to fill a vacancy in the Office of Public Defender. This is a four (4) year term for calendar years 2018-2021. Mr. Knaresboro will replace Tabia Cole. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Jan Kemmer made a motion to re-appoint Elk County Planning Director Jodi Foster to serve another 5-year term on the Elk County Redevelopment Authority Board ending December 31, 2022. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve a Contract for Services by and between the County of Elk and Brittany Lynn Beaver, Beaver Reporting, for court recording services for the effective operation of the County Judicial System. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse lawn by Enchanted Alleghenies on November 16, 17, 18, 2018 for the purpose of holding a Renaissance Viking Festival to raise money and donate to worthwhile charities and organizations in Elk County. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
5. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the use of Elk County Room Tax Grant monies in the amount of \$1,000 by the Elk Country Alliance to promote the two days Art & Craft Show at the Elk County Visitors Center. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$364,480.11
PAYROLL	\$245,164.88
WORK RELEASE	\$ 4,847.50
RECYCLING BLDG FUND	\$ 5,457.30
HSDf	\$ 6,954.00
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE	\$ 12,261.00
HAZMAT	\$ 402.62
911 WIRELESS FUND	\$ 22,620.57
CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$ 12,081.00
DEBT FUND	\$ 1,100.00

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Updated information concerning NFG Midstream Clermont, LLC – Clermont Keyhole Pipeline, 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.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS  
QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer.

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

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
10 A.M. Conference Room No. 2  
Courthouse Annex Building