

March 21, 2017

**OFFICE OF THE ELK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ELK COUNTY, RIDGWAY, PENNSYLVANIA**

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Matthew Quesenberry, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Kathy McClelland (filling in for Recording Secretary Chris Lilja). Also present was District Attorney Shawn McMahon, Ernie Mattiuz, PA Farm Bureau and three members of the press.

Commissioner Matt Quesenberry made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Matt Quesenberry made a motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Presentation was given by Ernie Mattiuz, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau gave a brief explanation of the issues for action for the legislative committees for the PA Farm Bureau for 2017.

The Elk County Commissioners thank Ernie for being an excellent advocate for the PA Farm Bureau and for being a part of today's Commissioners meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve an Agreement between the County of Elk and the Area Transportation Authority to participate in the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP); Commissioner Matt Quesenberry seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dan Freeburg added that MATP is an ongoing program.

2. Commissioner Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve an application to DEP for renewal of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for sewage; Commissioner Matt Quesenberry seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a PCCD JRI Innovative Policing Grant Application/Contract for the Office of the Elk County District Attorney; Commissioner Matt Quesenberry seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

District Attorney Shawn McMahon explained that he has received verbal approval from PCCD but is anxiously waiting for his award letter for approval to spend the funds allocated for his projects. With this grant, DA McMahon will be purchasing Cellbrite Technology which will benefit all law enforcement agencies in Elk County. This will give them the ability to extract evidence from cell phones locally and in a more expedited fashion compared to the present manner. The program will retrieve data from cell phones which will be helpful in many ways as we rely on our cell phones. The County Detective, Greg McManus will be working with this program as well. This program will cost \$15,990. DA McMahon also applied for 2 mobile tablets to be installed into police cars for the Johnsonburg Borough Police so they can have the most up to date information available to them. This equipment will cost \$7,435.

Commissioner Matt Quesenberry questioned if there was a county match for this grant.

DA Shawn McMahon answered that there is no match.

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4. Commissioner Matt Quesenberry made a motion to approve a contract between Elk County Children & Youth Services and Dr. Allen H. Ryen, Licensed Psychologist for FY 16-17; Commissioner Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 232,158.01 |
| PAYROLL | \$ 246,966.77 |
| COUNTY OF ELK/DRUG & ALCOHOL | \$ 66.02 |
| COUNTY OF ELK WORK RELEASE | \$ 1,557.00 |
| RECYCLING BLDG FUND | \$ 860.15 |
| CDBG-C | \$ 336.60 |
| PHFA (PHARE GRANT) | \$ 4,325.00 |
| HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE | \$ 385.25 |
| E-911 WIRELESS FUND | \$ 15,958.39 |
| NTRTP | \$ 26,852.84 |

Commissioner Matt Quesenberry seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

A memorandum informing the Initial Western Reception Center for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections will transition from SCI Pittsburgh to SCI Greene.

Notice from SGL Carbon Group of its intent to apply for a Plan Approval to replace an existing Air Quality scrubber with a new model.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and children, their teachers, all elected officials, and peace in the world.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

The press questioned DA Shawn McMahon regarding the amounts being distributed from the PCCD Grant.

DA Shawn McMahon responded that the Cellbrite Technology was \$15,990 and the Johnsonburg Boro Police will receive \$7,435 for mobile tablets.

The press questioned the Commissioners if the MATP was something they paid for with tax dollars.

Commissioner Dan Freeburg responded that the County is only pass through for the state dollars received.

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS

ADJOURN MEETING

Commissioner Dan Freeburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 AM; Commissioner Matt Quesenberry seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 10 A.M.
Conference Room No. 2, Annex Building**

ATTEST: _____
Chief Clerk