

April 17, 2018

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 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 Kim Frey and two members of the press.

Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse annex steps by the Ridgway American Legion for their annual Memorial Day Parade. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve a contract with Adelphoi Village for FY 17/18 for Children and Youth Services. Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – April 2, 2018 to April 13, 2018

Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$558,819.88
PAYROLL	\$289,287.81
GAS WELL IMPACT FEE/ACT 13	\$ 11,367.96
CDBG-C	\$ 9,173.28
HAZMAT	\$ 505.47
911 WIRELESS	\$ 75,474.17
NTRTP	\$ 48,942.78
DEBT FUND	\$ 88.02

Dan Freeburg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

A recently issued state directive could cost approximately \$400,000 to implement in Elk County, but how much of that cost will be shouldered locally remains to be seen. Pa Secretary of State Robert Torres issued a directive instructing Pa. counties to purchase up-to-date voting machines with the capability of providing a paper-trail audit for the 2020 primary election. Counties were given a deadline of 12/31/2019 to contract for the purchase of new machines.

The current 118 machines being used in the county were purchased over a decade ago at a cost of more than \$300,000, a fraction of which was covered by state and federal funds. Elk County is on track to receive \$50,000 for new voting equipment. Our last system cost \$340,195, a little over \$9,000 was covered in federal and state aid.

Obviously the costs are a big concern and how we're going to bear those costs, Commissioner Quesenberry said. But the state also apparently is working with the Dept of General Services on making contracts available through COSTARS cooperative purchasing program. So, there are efforts being made to mitigate costs as much as possible.

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 10:27 a.m. on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer.

ATTEST: _____
Chief Clerk

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
10 A.M. Conference Room No. 2
Courthouse Annex Building