

April 18, 2017

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

The Elk County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room No. 2 at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scripture Reading Proverbs 2:2. Those present were Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer, Chairperson, Daniel R. Freeburg, Solicitor Tom Wagner, Chief Clerk Jean Zore and Recording Secretary Chris Lilja. Also present were Jodi Foster, Tracy Gerber, Lee Neureiter and three (3) members of the press. Commissioner Matthew G. Quesenberry was absent.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of #4 – American Legion asking to use the Courthouse Lawn for a Memorial Day Service. Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

With the possibility of federal cuts to the CDBG program in Pennsylvania, Elk County planning director Jodi Foster gave a grim scenario of what eliminating the funding could do to the county. She reported it could wind up eliminating federal funding for the CDBG as well as the HOME funding programs. These programs are important to Elk County to the tune of approximately \$200,000. She also said CDBG Coordinator Tracy Gerber applies for funding for programs for the county regularly, but each year those amounts dwindle, noting they will take whatever they can get. If the funds were taken away, it would affect not just Elk County, but 1,200 towns, cities and municipalities across the country.

On a positive note, Foster reported Ms. Gerber received the C. Riley Stoy Award for community achievement from the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies. Her work on obtaining a competitive grant in excess of \$300,000 for the water line replacement in Wilcox as a reason why she should obtain the award.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following March 2017 Act 13 Grant Awards:

Fire Chief's Association (remote mics for 3 vehicles In 4 departments)	\$10,000
Ridgway Fire Department (master stream nozzle)	\$ 4,100
Farm Bureau (educational trailer visit to area schools)	\$ 6,500
YMCA (tables & chairs for summer children's program)	\$ 1,900
Benezette Township (PennDot) highway study)	\$10,000
Fox Township (sprinkler system in new building)	\$10,000
Wapiti Roost Chapter (food plots)	\$ 2,000
Toby Creek Watershed (grow-out tank for 5000 more fish)	\$ 3,000
St. Mary's Police Dept. (electronic speed alert sign)	\$ 2,500

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

2. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the County of Elk for a Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant Program from September 30, 2016 through September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$8,000. (Retro). Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
3. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve a contract with Summit School, Inc. /Community Specialists, Corp. FY 16-17 for Children & Youth Services, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.
4. Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn by the American Legion for a Memorial Day Service on May 29, 2017, seconded by Jan Kemmer and carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Dan Freeburg made a motion to approve the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$550,603.93
PAYROLL	\$318,293.54
DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$ 148.43
WORK RELEASE	\$ 29,363.48
HSDP	\$ 12,500.00
HAP	\$ 6,955.00
TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT	\$ 415.15
HAZMAT	\$ 1,303.63
911 WIRELESS FUND	\$ 32,810.19
NTRTP	\$ 23,540.54

Jan Kemmer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dominion Transmission, Inc. is applying for Notice of Intent authorization for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2). Dominion will be conducting maintenance activities along portions of the existing LN-20 natural gas pipeline right-of-way within McKean and Elk Counties involving construction mobilizations along two contiguous segments of the LN-20 pipeline system.

Stiffler, McGraw & Associates is planning to prepare and submit a Joint Application for a Pennsylvania Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers section 404 permits to the PADEP, Northwest Regional Office for the Straight Creek Road over Straight Creek Structure Replacement Project in Jones Township, Elk County, PA.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Effective with the next Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Matthew G. Quesenberry will take over as Chairperson of the Commissioners.

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

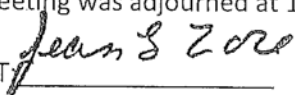
QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYES

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. on a motion by Dan Freeburg and seconded by Jan Kemmer.

ATTEST


Chief Clerk

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
10 A.M. Conference Room No. 2
Courthouse Annex Building