

December 5, 2023

**Office of the County of Elk Commissioners
Meeting Minutes**

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM, County of Elk Courthouse Annex Conference Room #2. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Joseph C. Dagher, M. Fritz Lecker and Matthew G. Quesenberry. Also present were Tom Wagner, Solicitor; Rick Brown, Solicitor; Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Kary Schneider, Deputy Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Dan Rimer, IT; Peggy Schreiber, Treasurer; Chad Kahnell, Assistant Director Domestic Relations, Mike Armanini, State Representative; and Brian Stockman, Press.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by M. Fritz Lecker to approve the agenda, seconded by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Joseph C. Dagher to approve the November 22, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – N/A

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2023-29 – Local Match for ATA for FY 2024-2025. - **A motion was made by Joseph C. Dagher, seconded by Matthew G. Quesenberry and carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize bank account signatories effective 1/1/2024. The new board of County of Elk Commissioners (Mary B. Lecker, Matthew G. Quesenberry, and Gregory J. Gebauer) and the new Treasurer, Matthew T. Frey and Second Deputy Treasurer, Alicia DeMetro will be sworn in on 12/28/2023. Delete from the account, Peggy B. Schneider, Treasurer and Melissa A. Otteni, Second Deputy Treasurer. - **A motion made by Joseph C. Dagher, seconded by M. Fritz Lecker carried unanimously**
2. Renewal contract on behalf of CYS with Children's Advocacy Center of McKean County, FY 2023-2024 for conducting specialized investigations. - **A motion made by Joseph C. Dagher seconded by M. Fritz Lecker carried unanimously**

3. Renewal contract on behalf of CYS with The Bradley Center, FY 2023-2024 to provide residential placement.- **A motion made by M. Fritz Lecker seconded by Joseph C. Daghir carried unanimously**
4. Renewal contract on behalf of the County of Elk with George Castellano, MD, F.A.C.E.P. as Medical Director for the Prison. The term is for five (5) years starting January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2028. The cost will be \$41,912.56 for the first year and will incur a 3% increase each following year.- **A motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, seconded by Joseph C. Daghir carried unanimously**

CORRESPONDENCE – (The following correspondence, if any, is available in the Commissioner’s office for further review.)

1. Diversified Energy, LLC received November 21st regarding their intent to apply to the PA DEP, Bureau of Air Quality, to obtain a State-Only Operating Permit (SOOP) for their natural gas well pad (Longhorn Pad C) located in Jay Twp. There are many individual pieces of approved equipment listed in this correspondence relating to Marcellus Shale natural gas well production. The facility is authorized under GP5a permits AG5A-24-00001B, and GP5A-24-00195B. These BAQ-GPA/GP-5 permits requires municipal and county notification.
2. Penn Highlands Healthcare received November 21st regarding their intent to apply to the PA DEP, Bureau of Air Quality, to renew its State-Only Operating Permit (SOOP) for its facility located at 763 Johnsonburg Rd. St. Marys This notice is required in accordance with Section 1905-A of the PA Administrative Code as amended by Act 14 and requires municipal and county notification.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- Recognition of outgoing elected officials: Commissioner Joseph C. Daghir and Treasurer Peggy Schreiber
- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and our children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.
- Joseph C. Daghir welcomed Chad Kannel, Assistant Director, Domestic Relations
- Tom Wagner introduced Rick Brown from Meyer, Wagner, Brown, Kraus as the new solicitor

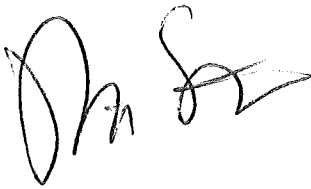
QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS – N/A

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS – N/A

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20AM on a motion by M. Fritz Lecker seconded by Matthew G. Quesenberry. Joseph C. Daghir objected. The motion was carried.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
10:00 A.M. Conference Room #2, Courthouse Annex

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