# CAMBRIA COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND





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# Cambria County Retirement Board

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We are once again pleased to present the summary of the Cambria County Retirement Fund for 2024. The Retirement Board has made some internal changes this year by advertising and selecting Korn Ferry as the Fund Actuary. We routinely receive quotes or bids on the professional services that we utilize to operate the Fund for you. We continue to maintain a high rating among Public Pension Funds in the State.

The end of 2024 marked a milestone for Ed Cernic's service on the Pennsylvania Assoc. of Public Employees Retirement Systems (PAPERS) Board of Directors. During his 15 year tenure on the Board, he served as President for 2 years. Cambria County Retirees have been represented very well with Ed's service with the Association and that service benefited our fund.

As the fiduciaries of your Fund, we continue our due diligence to ensure your fund is a stable, secure source of benefits to the retirees of Cambria County. We hope you review the enclosed information, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Once again, thank you for your support of the Board and Administrative staff in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Cambria County Retirement Board of Trustees

# ACTIVE PLAN MEMBERS

Check out all the Retirement Information available on the Cambria County Website under the Retirement Board tab at <u>www.cambriacountypa.gov</u>

CAMBRIA COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PRESENTATION





Statement of Plan Assets As Of December 31, 2024							
<u>Assets</u>	Cost Value			Market Value			
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$	3,311,008	\$	3,311,008			
Receivables		473,124		473,124			
Investments:							
U.S. Government Obligations		28,948,076		28,419,717			
Domestic Corporate Bonds		19,409,932		19,135,858			
Domestic Equities		26,835,924		44,631,316			
International Equities		22,429,445		24,795,826			
Domestic Mutual Funds		34,924,972		79,969,805			
Fixed Income Mutual Funds		17,140,078		16,936,221			
High Yield Limited Partnership		18,809,148		16,838,986			
Limited Partnership Debt Fund		7,222,536		4,918,760			
Core Real Estate		9,278,708		10,739,947			
Infrastructure		10,000,000.00		11,981,862			
Total Assets December 31, 2024	\$	198,782,951	\$	262,152,430			

#### **CAMBRIA COUNTY**

#### **Asset Valuation - Market vs Cost Basis** → Market Value 280,000,000 Cost Value 260,000,000 240,000,000 220,000,000 200,000,000 180,000,000 160,000,000 140,000,000 120,000,000 2015 2018 2014 2016 2017 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Dear Cambria County Retirees:

In 2024, we experienced many administrative changes implemented by the Controller's Office and the Retirement Board.

First, the Board did our due diligence again by seeking proposals for Actuarial Services for the Fund. After much discussion and the review of numerous proposals, the Board chose Korn Ferry to provide these services. The services provided include all aspects of administering the Plan in accordance with Act 96 and the Plan document. This includes confirming the finalized quotes for Retirees and providing an overall opinion on the solvency of the fund.

Secondly, with the changeover of the County accounting software, we changed the software that tracks and accounts for all active Participants and Retirees to Pension Technology Group. This conversion process has taken an extreme amount of effort, commitment, and time by our Retirement Professionals in this Office. We are finally online with the new system, and I need to acknowledge and commend my Deputies - Kristine Segear and Dana Descavish, and Auditor Emily Krug, as a backup administrator, for their diligence in the monumental task.

Once again, as I report to you, we currently have 1,163 retirees and 2 retirees that are over 100 years young. Congratulations!

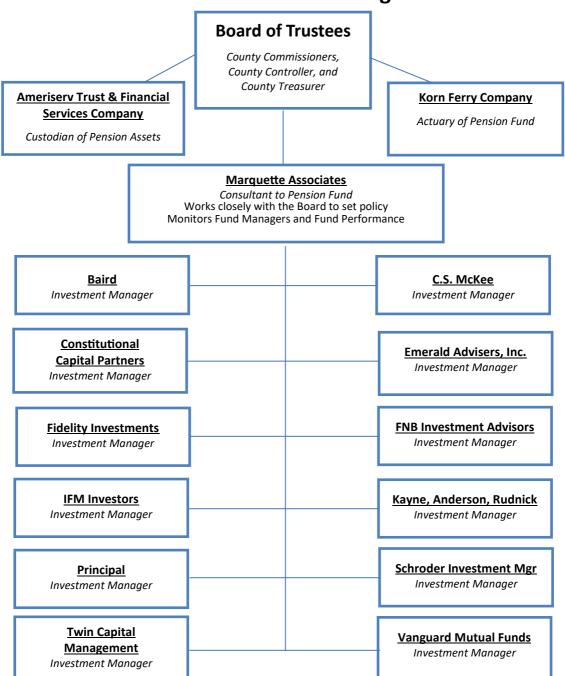
2024 was my 21st year of serving you as Controller and Secretary of the Fund. I thank my entire staff and all of you for your support, encouragement, and kind words that many of you have shared with me over the years, for not only my staff and their efforts, but for my leadership to keep <u>OUR</u> fund strong.

As always, contact me or my staff anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Truly, **Ed Cernic, Jr.** Controller Retirement Board Secretary



## **Structure of the Plan Management**

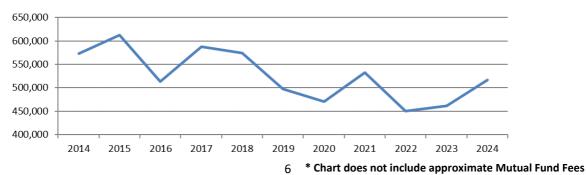


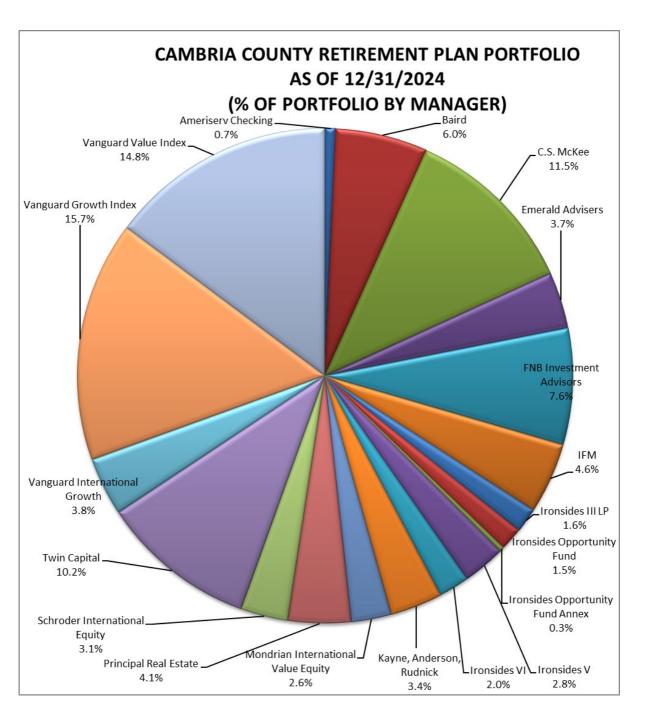
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#### COMPARISON OF MARKET VALUE BY FUND TO MANAGEMENT FEES

	12/31/2024 Market Value	Annual Fees	Approx. Fees on Mutual Funds	Total Fees
Ameriserv	1,688,586	1005	mutual Funds	0
Baird Intermediate Bd-Inst	15,787,951		47,364	47,364
C.S. McKee	30,042,086	62,732		62,732
Emerald Advisers	9,630,603	61,966		61,966
Fidelity GI X US Index (International)	6,919,048		6,444	6,444
FNB Investment Advisors	19,957,894	33,215		33,215
IFM Global Infrastructure	11,981,862		92,260	92,260
Ironsides III (Constitutional Capital)	4,165,772		41,658	41,658
Ironsides Opportunity Fund	4,036,986		30,277	30,277
Ironsides Opportunity Fund Annex	881,773		7,495	7,495
Ironsides V Fund	7,384,896		73,849	73,849
Ironsides VI Fund	5,288,319		26,442	26,442
Kayne, Anderson, Rudnick	9,025,869	68,716		68,716
Principal Real Estate	10,739,947		107,400	107,400
Schroder International Equity	8,004,951		147,124	147,124
Twin Capital	26,774,255	92,098		92,098
Vanguard International Growth	9,871,827		33,564	33,564
Vanguard Growth Index	41,264,126		16,506	16,506
Vanguard Value Index	38,705,679		15,482	15,482
Ameriserv Trust (Custodian)		82,102		82,102
CBIZ (Actuary)		12,211		12,211
Korn Ferry (Actuary - eff 7/1/24)		9,000		9,000
Marquette Associates		95,000		95,000
	262,152,430	517,040	645,865	1,162,905

#### Investment Management Fees Paid by Year \*





#### CAMBRIA COUNTY

#### Employees' Retirement Fund 2024 Financial Report

Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Total Assets (cost value) January 1, 2024	\$	191,221,468
Additions/Income		
Member Contributions (including member share of military or leave of absence buyback)		3,379,420
Member purchase of County share of military or leave of absence		0
County Contributions		3,698,038
Investment Income:		
Interest		1,503,001
Dividends		2,513,560
Realized Capital Gains		15,595,539
Net Accrued Interest/other		472,938
Miscellaneous	_	0
Total Additions	+\$	27,162,496
Deductions / Expenses		
Member Contributions Refunded		703,519
Retirement Allowances Paid (includes C-O-L and accumulated deductions withdrawn under Option 4)		18,155,984
Death Benefits		71,816
Administrative Expenses		165,677
Investment Expenses		517,040 **
Miscellaneous		0
Change in Accounts Payable		(13,023)
Total Deductions	-\$	19,601,013
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$	7,561,483
Total Assets (cost value) December 31, 2024		198,782,951
Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation		63,369,479
Total Assets (market value) December 31, 2024	\$	262,152,430

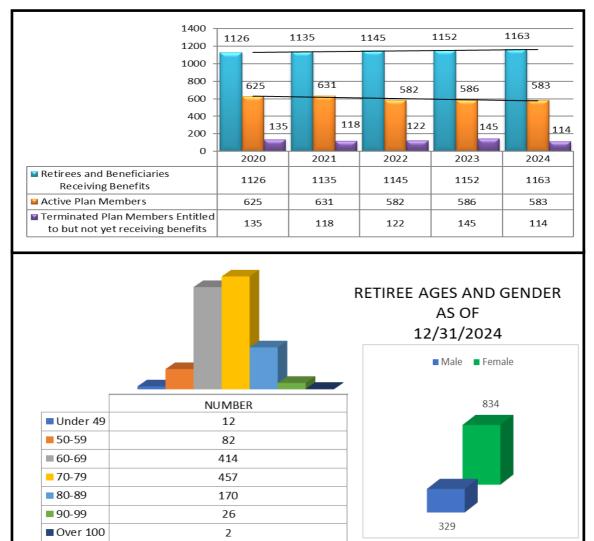
\*\* See Schedule on Page 6 of Investment Expense Detail for a Breakdown of Expenses.

## **Comparison of Annual Expenses**



## ACTIVE PLAN MEMBERS, ACTIVE RETIREES & VESTED MEMBERS

This graph represents the Active Plan members, Active Retirees and Vested Members. Over the past five years, the number of retirees receiving benefits from the retirement plan has grown and is larger than the number of active plan members contributing to the retirement plan. As of **December 31, 2024,** there were 1,860 plan members broken up as follows: 1,163 Retirees and Beneficiaries receiving benefits; 114 Terminated Plan Members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits; and 583 Active Plan Members.



# **2024 CAMBRIA COUNTY RETIREES**

Daniel Ayres Kathleen Benko David Berkey Díane Brence Yvette Carr James Corran Maryann Díllon Lynn Dougherty Mary Driskel Judith Falduto Mary Ann Farrell Karen Fedorko Brían Feíst Robert Fye Arlene Gergely Patrícia Gill

Lou Ann Gray Ronald Inzana Agnes Kertes Elsie Kirkpatrick Donald Knopsnyder Reginald Kohan Robyn Lightcap Susan Lingafelt Arturo Martynuska Michelle McCall Natalie McClemens David Murphy Lawrence Penatzer Kathryn Pítman Susan Polke Laura Pollíno

Ronald Potonic Jr. Susan Rager Paula Roberts Sheryl Safina-Pfarr Gina Saly Kevín Sanders William Smith Richard Sobecky Timothy Spangler Regina Tusing Jennífer Vargo Joan Villa Annette Wachs vícky Watson Lynnett Williams Víctoría Yarnísh



Congratulations on your retirement and your wonderful career! Thank you for your service to the County!!

#### 2024 CAMBRIA COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD MEMBERS



Scott W. Hunt, Chairman President Commissioner



Keith Rager , Trustee County Commissioner



Ed Cernic Jr., Secretary County Controller

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Lisa M. Kozorosky, Vice-Chairwoman County Treasurer



Thomas Chernisky, Trustee County Commissioner