

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

January 14, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 17, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 18, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 21, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 22, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 23, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 24, 2020**

Courthouse closed in observance of Christmas Day.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 25, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 28, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 29, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 30, 2020**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
December 31, 2020**

Courthouse closed in observance of New Year's Day.
**Ebensburg, PA
January 1, 2021**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
January 4, 2021**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
January 5, 2021**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
January 6, 2021**

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.
**Ebensburg, PA
January 7, 2021**

Ebensburg, PA
January 8, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
January 11, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
January 12, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
January 13, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Commissioners in Session. Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt were present.

The meeting was called to Order by President Commissioner Chernisky, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held December 17, 2020, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola stated that he does not believe the current millage rate should be maintained. He believes the Commissioners should cut the budget in order to reduce the millage, as he believes this is ultimately a tax increase.

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Mileage:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the change of the County mileage reimbursement rate to be equal to the IRS mileage reimbursement rate, \$0.56 per mile, effective January 1, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Resolution designating Ethan Imhoff, Executive Director of the Cambria County Planning Commission, as agent for Cambria County with regard to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Amendments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve amended Act 24/CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Non-Governmental Recipient Agreements, in amounts not to exceed \$175,000.00, with the following organizations, in conformity with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community & Economic Development guidance:

Governmental Entities:

Cambria County War Memorial Authority	\$84,874.70
Cambria County Conservation District	\$7,049.08
Croyle Township	\$2,612.03

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement with the Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Institute, on behalf of the Cambria County Prison, beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, in the amount of \$15,278.00, effective July 1, 2020, through June 20, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with Insurance Buyers’ Council to provide actuarial services with regard to the Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance Program, for year ending December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$6,750.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the renewal Agreement with Symetra for Group Life/AD&D Insurance, at the following rates, effective February 1, 2021, with rates being guaranteed for two years.

Class 1 Life Rate per \$1,000.00	\$0.104
Class 2 Life Rate per \$1,000.00	\$2.332
Class 1 AD&D Rate per \$1,000.00	\$0.017

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging FY 2019-2020 Budget:

<u>Vendor/Contractor</u>	<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Contracted Rate</u>
Nutrition, Inc.	Senior Center Take-Out Meals Senior Frozen Meal Packs	Additional \$.35 per meal \$4.35 per meal

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol FY 2020-2021 Budget:

<u>VENDOR/CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CONTRACTED RATE</u>
Impact Counseling Services, LLC	Outpatient Counseling – Individual	1/1/21 – 6/30/21 \$65.00 per hour
	Outpatient Counseling - Group	\$20.00 per hour
	Outpatient Counseling – School-Based (Individual/Group)	\$80.00/\$20.00 per hour
	Outpatient Counseling – Co-Dependency	\$65.00 per hour
	Outpatient Counseling – Family Therapy	\$65.00 per hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve five (5) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol FY 2020-2021 Budget:

Vendor/Contractor	Description of Service	Contracted Rate
DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLL, d/b/a Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center	Maternal Addiction Resource Center – Case/care management and recovery support services for pregnant women and women with children.	\$444,336.61
Armstrong County Memorial Hospital	Medically-Managed Intensive Inpatient Services – Detoxification	12/1/20 – 6/30/21 \$766.11 per day
Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.	Clinically-Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services	12/28/20 – 6/30/21 \$290.00 per day
Sinclair Television of Fresno, LLC d/b/a WJAC-TV	Broadcast commercial and sponsorship ads.	1/18/21 – 4/10/21 \$3,000.00
The Learning Lamp	PREVENTION: Information Dissemination Education Alternative Activities Environmental Activities Community-Based Process	12/1/20 – 6/30/21 Maximum Amount \$54,914.67

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Children & Youth FY 2020-2021 Budget:

Friendship House							
Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
109710243790	DD	Foster Care – Class DD	\$42.08/day				
109710243790	EE	Foster Care – Class EE	\$47.08/day				
109710243790	FF	Foster Care – Class FF	\$52.08/day				
109710243790	GG	Foster Care – Class GG	\$42.08/day				
109710243790	HH	Foster Care – Class HH	\$34.54/day				
109710243790	II	Foster Care – Class II	\$52.54/day				
109710243790	JJ	Foster Care – Class JJ	\$57.54/day				
109710243790	KK	Foster Care – Class KK	\$62.54/day				
109710243790	LL	Foster Care – Class LL	\$42.04/day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Reappointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing the following individuals to the Cambria County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, for 3-year terms, beginning January 1, 2021, and ending January 1, 2024.

Patrick Dumm James Estep Larry Neff Scott Hunt

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Change Order:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Change Order No. 3 of Snyder Environmental Services, Inc., with regard to the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, in the amount of \$14,765.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to authorize and direct the Tax Claim Bureau Director to strike, from the records in her office, taxes plus penalty, interest, and fees assessed against:

CONTROL NO.	MAP NO.	ASSESSED NAME	MUNICIPALITY	EXONERATE
9-8679	09-004. -105.000	Shank, Kenneth R. & Amanda J.	Carrolltown Borough	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
12-119344	12-022. -115.000	Grieff, Russell	Chest Township	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
19-15578	19-006. -119.000	Peterson, Ronald G.	Dale Borough	2011 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
19-15644	19-007. -129.000	Bosley, Ronald W. & Patricia J.	Dale Borough	2017 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
23-54191	23-027. -105.000	Harshman, Robert K. & Margaret L.	East Taylor Township	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
34-110186	34-059. -000.067	Podrasky, Sherman	Jackson Township	2012 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
39-62672	39-010. -418.000	Bearjar, Robert P. & Lori R.	Lower Yoder Township	2012 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
43-24383	43-003. -101.000	Long, Lillian, et al.	Nanty Glo Borough 2 nd Ward	2017 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.

46-26268	46-010. A-104.000	Sekerak, Nicholas, Jr.	Portage Borough 1 st Ward	2013 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
47-27090	47-011. -103.000	Nicholson Estate	Portage Borough 2 nd Ward	2004 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
49-119009	49-021. -000.097	McConnell, Patricia	Reade Township	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
52-27816	52-007. -202.000	Snyder, Ronald R. & Linda L.	Scalp Level Borough	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
55-30087	55-008. -109.000	Karashqah, Mohammad & Khalil, Sallah D.	Southmont Borough	2014 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
55-30271	55-008. -110.000	Karashqah, Mohammad & Khalil, Sallah D.	Southmont Borough	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
55-30588	55-003. -116.000	Ellis, Azheem K.	Southmont Borough	2014 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
56-13824	56-093. -304.000	Plouse, William Alan & Carol Ann	Northern Cambria Borough	2017 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
62-79150	62-016. -213.000	Mulkey, George	Upper Yoder Township	2017 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
62-79703	62-022. -323.000	Portage Properties Holding Co., LLC	Upper Yoder Township	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
68-82746	68-032. -143.000	Charles, Sandra M.	White Township	2009 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
68-107621	68-032. -144.000	Charles, Sandra M.	White Township	2011 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
68-113661	68-026. -104.000	Evans, Gregory, Sr., & Shirley A.	White Township	2006 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
76-969	76-008. -111.000	Dillahunt, John Lewis, Sr.	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
76-982	76-003. -246.000	Andrews, Allen P., Jr.	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2012 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
76-1179	76-001. -225.000	Armstrong, Antonio & Shuler, Mark O.	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
76-1464	76-008. -117.000	Andrews, Sean D.	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2011 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
77-1788	77-009. -100.000	Riggs, William & Janine	Johnstown 7 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
77-1946	77-013. -219.000	Leventry, Amy F.	Johnstown 7 th Ward	2014 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
77-2365	77-006. -107.000	Urena, Johanna	Johnstown 7 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
77-2370	77-004. -107.000	Lalone, Lynne S.	Johnstown 7 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
77-2422	77-007. -2000.000	Warner, Richard & Jessica	Johnstown 7 th Ward	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
77-2544	77-002. -209.000	Riggs, William	Johnstown 7 th Ward	2018 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
78-3234	78-016. -706.000	Fuska, Christopher D.	Johnstown 8 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
79-4558	79-005. -213.000	Cooper, Lisa Marie	Johnstown 9 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
80-4650	80-007. -228.000	Concannon, Leo W. & Rita B.	Johnstown 10 th Ward	2014 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
80-4852	80-005. -303.000	Andrews, John	Johnstown 10 th Ward	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
81-5024	81-002. -101.000	Heming, Dorothy P. & David A.	Johnstown 11 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
83-5756	83-001. -101.000	Ussery, Erica	Johnstown 13 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
87-9564	87-053. -214.000	Vista View Properties, Inc.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
87-10363	87-011. -403.000	Thomas, Jason M.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
87-10824	87-023. -334.000	Ickes, Jerome R. & Sheeler, Linda A.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2006 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
87-10859	87-011. -404.000	Thomas, Jason M.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2018 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
87-11144	87-047. -115.000	Sweeney, Paul D.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
89-6949	89-007. -336.000	Crawley, Joseph, Jr.	Johnstown 19 th Ward	2003 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
90-12000	90-022. -315.000	Joyner, Charles R.	Johnstown 20 th Ward	2012 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
90-12763	90-023. -303.000	Clark, Bradley	Johnstown 20 th Ward	2014 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
90-12921	90-013. -103.000	Forgas, Matthew S.	Johnstown 20 th Ward	2018 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
91-7617	91-010. -500.000	Mindala, Michael, Jr., & Mildred G.	Johnstown 21 st Ward	2015 through 2019 taxes. Sold at 11-20-20 Private Sale.
16-115476	16-001. -000.054	McNally, Mark	Cresson Township	2018 through 2019 taxes. Trailer removed without permit.
46-26508	46-019. -000.098	Sigado, Mary Ann	Portage Borough	2019 taxes. Trailer removed without permit.
49-119308	49-002. -000.096	Reffner, David & Richard	Reade Township	2018 taxes. Trailer removed without permit.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the 5-year contract with the Cambria County Deputy Sheriffs' Association (12A), effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the 1-year contract extension with SEIU Local 668 PSSU, Court-Appointed Staff, Non-Professional/Non-Supervisory (2H), effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the 1-year contract extension with SEIU Local 668 PSSU, Court-Related Professionals (2B), effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the 1-year contract extension with SEIU Local 668 PSSU, Court-Related Staff, Non-Professional/Non-Supervisory (2A), effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Cole Funk, Per-Diem Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), effective January 18, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Edward Vyhonsky, Per-Diem Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), effective January 18, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Jennifer Shero, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.40 per hour), effective January 24, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Calvin Ates, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.40 per hour), effective January 24, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Jessica Yuhás, Full-Time Aging Care Management Supervisor I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 57-E/\$37,237.72 annually), to Full-Time Deputy Administrator III for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 72-H/\$43,000.00 annually), effective January 18, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Melissa Raho, Full-Time County Social Worker Supervisor for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 70-G/\$55,663.04 annually), to Full-Time Assistant Administrator I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 72-B/\$58,000.00 annually), effective January 18, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Gerard Campagna, Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), effective January 2, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Ryan Seymore, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective December 16, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Seth Simasek, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective January 7, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Francis Moyer, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$15.42 per hour), effective January 20, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk