

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

January 28, 2021

Ebensburg, PA  
January 14, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 15, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 18, 2021

Courthouse closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 19, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 20, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 21, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 22, 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 25, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 26, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 27, 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 10:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held January 14, 2020, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

John DeBartola raised concerns that certain property owners throughout the County have received reduced property value assessments. He also believes some properties are not being taxed at all. It is his belief, if this was remedied or stopped, that the County would not have to petition the Court each year to maintain the current millage.

Mr. DeBartola also asked the Commissioners to refrain from attending what he believes are secret meetings in violation of the Sunshine Law.

## COMMISSIONERS

### Deed:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Quit Claim Deed and Release transferring mineral rights of properties identified as Tax Map Nos. 08-013.-005.000 and 08-013.-006.000 to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation Easement Board.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Amendment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to amend the following sections of the Fee Schedule approved on December 17, 2020, as requested by the President Judge, for court-appointed counsel, in criminal matters, effective January 1, 2021.

- Bench Trials – \$1,000.00 cap for the first (2) cases; \$200.00 each additional case.
- PCRA – \$800.00 cap, (does not include appeal).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, No. PEMA 2020-037, in the amount of \$73,687.56, beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to table approving the Agreement with Mission Critical Partners for Next Generation 911 Consulting Services, in the amount of \$14,718.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and tabled.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Electronic Recording Agreement with Synrgo, on behalf of the Cambria County Recorder of Deeds Office.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Darcy Dishong, Full-Time Human Resources Generalist for Human Resources, (Paygrade 20-P/\$13.00 per hour), effective February 1, 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 Jodie Schatz, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$10.00 per hour), effective February 1, 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 Nicole M. Wright, Full-Time Account Clerk I for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 5-C/\$9.56 per hour), effective February 1, 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 approve hiring the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer Is for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective February 8, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

**Gabrielle Freed  
Joshua Platko  
Kayla Bugal**

**Joshua Lowmaster  
Kristy Guillarmod**

**Jeremy Kost  
Randy Eagler**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Transfer:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Angela Stephens, Full-Time Account Clerk II/Steno/Float for Tax Assessment, (Paygrade 5-K/\$10.25 per hour), to Full-Time Account Clerk II/Float for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 11-C/\$10.25 per hour), effective February 8, 2021.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove John Stigers, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$42,007.68 annually), effective January 23, 2021.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Kimberly Lindenberger, Part-Time Van Driver for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 9-J/\$10.34 per hour), effective January 28, 2021.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 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.**

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**Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk**