

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

June 24, 2021

Ebensburg, PA

June 10, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 11, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 14, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 15, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 16, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 17, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 18, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 21, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 22, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 23, 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, at Duman Park, Pavilion No. 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held June 10, 2021, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

COMMISSIONERS

Audit:

Joel Valentine, of Wessel & Company, presented the County's 2020 Audit.

Retirement:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve increasing the County's employer retirement contribution to twelve percent (12%), effective July 1, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Addendum:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Addendum with Susquehanna Accounting & Consulting Solutions, Inc., to provide the County technical assistance with regard to expenditures and general administration of various Covid-19 pandemic-related federal and state grant funding programs.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Lease Agreement with the Laurel Highlands Historical Village to lease Duman Lake County Park on September 11, 2021, and September 12, 2021, at a rate of \$1,250.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Software and Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc., to provide software and services to the Cambria County Recorder of Deeds Office, for a 5-year term beginning June 24, 201, and having an implementation fee of \$52,800.00 and a yearly recurring fee of \$44,950.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Beginnings, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA). Actual expenses billed on a monthly basis.	\$138.00 per child
Ages & Stages Evaluation; maximum of 12 units of service within a 10-mile radius. Greater than 10 miles, maximum of 20 units of service.	\$7.50 per 15 minute unit

Brant's Driving School, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
Driver's Education Services to Completion	\$65.00 per hour

Lauren Darbouze, Esquire

Service Provided	Rate
Legal Representation	\$90.00 per hour
Legal Consultation	\$90.00 per hour
Staff Training	\$90.00 per hour

The Learning Lamp, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
Strengthening Families Program	\$83.85 per hour – not to exceed \$35,218.00

Sign Language Specialists of Western PA, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
<u>Sign Language Interpreting and/or Transliterating</u>	
Standard fee with 2 hours minimum – 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Portal to portal; assignments over 2 hours shall have 2 nd interpreter scheduled.	\$65.00 per hour
Emergency call after 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. with 2 hours minimum; customer will be billed a minimum of 2 hours interpreting time for all assignments and in 15-minute increments thereafter. For all assignments not cancelled within 24 hours, interpreter will receive a 2-hour minimum charge. Cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice, early completion, and client/student no shows will be charged the requested time or 2 hour minimum per interpreter.	\$70.00 per hour
Assignments within a 10-mile radius, no charge. Assignments over a 10-mile radius will be charged \$30.00 per hour travel rate; \$30.00 minimum charge.	\$30.00 per hour travel over 10 miles
Holidays and weekend rate	\$70.00 per hour
Increase for when interpreter attends court	\$70.00 per hour

Youth Intensive Services, Inc.

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
I11002	MS	Residential Treatment	\$150.00/day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

<u>VENDOR/CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u> <u>FY 2021-2022</u>
Horizon Information Systems	Renewal of Consumer Management and Account Receivable Software – Maintenance and End-User Agreement.	\$7,648.00
	Dataflex subscription for provider management – billed separately and monthly.	\$1,729.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Request for Proposal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the proposal of In The Stix Broadband to provide Wi-Fi internet access at Duman Lake County Park, at speeds of at least 25 mbps x 3 mbps, in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Jason Riligio to the Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council, for a 3-year term, beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Assessment Appeals:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Great Dane 3831, LLC, filed at No. 2020-3586.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Petition to Settle by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of RKD Partners, filed at No. 2020-3766.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith 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:

<u>CONTROL NO.</u>	<u>MAP NO.</u>	<u>ASSESSED NAME</u>	<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>EXONERATE</u>
16-113369	16-001.-000.041	Brothers, Travis	Cresson Township	2019 through 2020 taxes. Trailer razed. Strike off.
16-114809	16-001.-000.047	Slebodnick, Donald	Cresson Township	2017 through 2020 taxes. Trailer razed. Strike off.
7-8067	7-005.-302.000	S&P Rentals, Inc.	Brownstown Borough	2017 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
19-15627	19-010.-222.000	Bair, Ariel R. & Downin, Edward J.	Dale Borough	2015 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
23-55346	23-016.-000.021	D&T Rentals, LLC	East Taylor Township	2011 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
27-56635	27-007.-111.002	Huber, Eric & Betty Lou	Elder Township	2004 through 2018 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
30-22329	30-030.-208.000	Grabosky, Murray & Barbara Ann	Gallitzin Borough	2019 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
34-119438	34-059.-000.023	Durbin, Melissa & Deloatch, Julie	Jackson Township	2016 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
55-30417	55-030.-319.000	Ussery, Erica & Bush Business	Southmont Borough	2011 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
68-107640	68-031.-238.000	Becker, Stephen M. & Amy L.	White Township	2015 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
75-107861	75-002.-119.003	Pletcher, George W., Jr.	Johnstown 5 th Ward	1994 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
76-963	76-002.-215.000	Miller, Roy W.	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2019 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
76-1407	76-004.-253.000	Taylor, James L. & Alice Dorothy	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2018 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
77-1519	77-006.-101.002	Leary, Dawn Lee	Johnstown 7 th Ward	2015 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
78-2626	78-024.-212.000	Farra, David J., Jr., & Majda S.	Johnstown 8 th Ward	2015 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.

78-3033	78-024.-213.000	Farra, David J., Jr., & Majda S.	Johnstown 8 th Ward	2015 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
80-4637	80-005.-323.000	Liptak, Josephine & Philip Andrew	Johnstown 10 th Ward	2016 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
87-9723	87-020.-412.000	Patterson, Nancy	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2017 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
87-10450	87-052.-309.000	Layton, Irvin D. & Freda I.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2018 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
87-10942	87-004.-416.000	Harvey, Roberta N.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2018 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.
90-11785	90-004.-517.000	Buchko, Florence E.	Johnstown 20 th Ward	2016 through 2020 taxes. Sold at 5-25-2021 Private Sale.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Tara Brunnet, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 5-B/\$10.35 per hour), effective June 28, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire William Goins, Full-Time Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$18.00 per hour), effective June 28, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Joyce Kunkle, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 9-G/\$10.43 per hour), effective June 28, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Arlen Markovich, Full-Time Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$18.00 per hour), effective June 28, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Stephen Gresh, Full-Time Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$28,414.30 annually), effective July 6, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Christina Ward, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$28,414.30 annually), effective July 6, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Aaron Layo, Per-Diem Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$12.21 per hour), effective June 28, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer John Branick, Per-Diem Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$12.21 per hour), to Part-Time Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$15.00 per hour), effective June 28, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Mary Ann Dillon, Full-Time Head Clerk for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 28-B/\$20.08 per hour), to Full-Time Director of Elections for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 52-A/\$50.024.26 annually), effective June 28, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Terri Davis, Full-Time Aging Program Assessor for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 44-D/\$61,366.76 annually), to Full-Time Administrative Officer I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 49-I/\$64,435.10 annually), effective July 6, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Megan Varnish, Full-Time Telecommunicator for 911, (Paygrade 35-F/\$12.78 per hour), effective June 10, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Matthew Hale, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.07 per hour), effective July 17, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Michael Beblar, Jr., Per-Diem Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$12.21 per hour), effective June 17, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove James Tutsock, Part-Time Van Driver for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 9-J/\$12.70 per hour), effective June 20, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Mercedes Barnette, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-C/\$31,045.04 annually), effective July 3, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Sarah Kuzar, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$19,558.50 annually), effective July 2, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of John Loftus, Full-Time Maintenance Worker I/Voting Machine Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 13-E/\$10.12 per hour), effective

June 21, 2021. (Action previously taken at the June 10, 2021, Commissioners' Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Modification:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve modifying the effective date of Gerald Kowalczyk, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.97 per hour), from May 31, 2021, to May 29, 2021. (Action previously taken at the May 13, 2021, Commissioners' Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 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