

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

September 23, 2021

Ebensburg, PA
September 9, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 10, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 14, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 15, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 16, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 17, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 20, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 21, 2021
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 22, 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 September 9, 2021, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

An award was presented to the Cambria County DUI Program by the Pennsylvania DUI Association.

A Proclamation was presented for National Fire Prevention Week.

Controller Cernic presented the Annual Citizen's Financial Report.

COMMISSIONERS

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2021-2022 Resolution certifying responsibility of municipality for advertising revenue shortfall for the Cambria County Transit Authority, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for FY 2021 funds under the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program, for housing and community development needs, in the amount of \$354,046.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

By-Laws:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the revised By-Laws of the Cambria County Planning Commission.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Service Agreement with Maximus US Services, Inc., to provide cost allocation services, at an annual cost of \$13,800.00, for 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, to assist in rent and utility payments for those affected by the Coronavirus, in the amount of \$120,525.12.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with United Way of the Laurel Highlands, to assist various local food pantries in purchasing food and non-perishable items for low to moderate income residents, in the amount of \$167,008.75.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with the Cambria County Backpack Project, to assist in providing single-serve, ready-to-eat meals every weekend throughout the school year to students of Forest Hills School District, in the amount of \$4,002.57.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with Behavioral Health of Cambria County to perform services under the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a term beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with MCM Consulting Group, Inc., for professional services regarding an update of the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, in the amount of \$40,659.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Multi-Year Maintenance and SUAI Agreement with Motorola Solutions with regard to the ICORRS Master Site, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2033, in the amount of \$4,072,853.93. (Cost will be shared equally between Westmoreland, Armstrong, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, and Somerset Counties).

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 Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
White Deer Run Cove Forge BHS of Williamsburg	ASAM Level 2.5 PHP (Partial Hospitalization) for Cove Forge	\$ 122.00/day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

City Mission-Living Stones, Inc.							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
450640	AS	ASPIRE - Secure Detention	\$325.00/day				
448960 448970 448980	PH	Promise House Transitional Living	\$185.00/day				
		Initial Placement Incidentals	\$50.00				
		Transportation Costs	IRS Rate + Staff Costs				

Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
411250	AI	Abraxas I – Seneca Dorm	\$191.07/day				
406800	AI	Abraxas I – Dakota Dorm	\$191.07/day				
411200	EG	Abraxas I – Evergreen Dorm	\$322.57/day				
419760	MD	Abraxas I – Mohican Dorm	\$232.17/day				
355310	LP	Leadership Development Program	\$192.04/day				
301400	LP	Leadership Development Program Female Unit	\$192.04/day				
310320	LO	Abraxas Specialized Treatment Program	\$327.28/day				
355310	CC	Leadership Development Center Shelter	\$316.82/day				
304420	CA	Abraxas Youth Center Secure Residential Treatment	\$343.09/day				
331250	CB	Abraxas Youth Center Detention	\$316.82/day				
303970	CC	Abraxas Youth Center Shelter	\$316.82/day				
144040	AA	Abraxas Academy Secure Residential Treatment	\$348.41/day				
144050	AC	Abraxas Academy Detention	\$357.00/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:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Allegheny HealthChoices, Inc.	Consumer Service Plan facilitation and documentation (CSP) for individuals identified by the County.	\$ 10,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Change Order:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve Change Order No. 5 of Motorola Solutions for the Cambria County 911 Upgrade Project, in the amount of \$1,800,000.00.

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:

CONTROL NO.	MAP NO.	ASSESSED NAME	MUNICIPALITY	EXONERATE
23-119351	23-009. -221.01T	Roles, Jessica Marie & Dennis John, Sr.	East Taylor Township	2020 taxes. Strike-off done in 2021.
25-17174	25-010. -000.094	Defrahn Rob & Sarah	Ebensburg Borough East Ward	2019 taxes. Strike-off done in 2020.
49-116544	49-019. -117.07T	Gardner, Paul	Reade Township	2015 through 2020 taxes. Strike-off done in 2021.
91-7463	91-004. -107.000	Paul, Jason Robert	Johnstown 21 st Ward	2003 taxes. Sold at 6-1-21 Repository Sale.
78-3542	78-009. -601.000	Stewart, Timothy P.	Johnstown 8 th Ward	2019 school taxes. Purchased by Commonwealth of PA/Department of Transportation.
78-3735	78-009. -605.000	Stewart, Timothy P.	Johnstown 8 th Ward	2019 school taxes. Purchased by Commonwealth of PA/Department of Transportation.
8-119458	08-013. -110.000	Durbin, Charles & Melissa	Cambria Township	2016-2020 taxes. Strike off. Trailer removed.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Wendy Washko, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 7-B/\$19,558.50 annually), effective October 4, 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 Bonita Himes, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$19,558.50 annually), effective October 4, 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 Tammy Hollingsworth, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$9.84 per hour), effective October 4, 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 Smith to transfer Jessica Mills, Full-Time Social Worker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 47-J/\$36,160.02 annually), to Full-Time Social Work Supervisor, (Paygrade 70-G/\$40,500.00 annually), effective September 27, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Brian Duman, 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 October 3, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Nicole Wright, Full-Time Account Clerk I/Float for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 5-C/\$9.56 per hour), to Full-Time Homestead Coordinator for Tax Assessment, (Paygrade 20-M/\$10.04 per hour), effective September 27, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jennifer Snyder, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$31,903.82 annually), effective September 18, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Shawn Slavicky, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$31,903.82 annually), effective September 19, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Alex Ciotti, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-C/\$33,758.66 annually), effective October 1, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Zackary Portser, Full-Time Director of Veteran Affairs for the Department of Veteran Services, (Paygrade 46-A/\$36,668.06 annually), effective September 25, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Emily Matson, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.40 per hour), effective September 13, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Revision:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve removing Chloe Barrett, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-C/\$31,045.04 annually), from payroll effective September 11, 2021. This was previously approved as a removal from the Area Agency on Aging on September 9, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to rescind the hiring of Sabrina Bukowski, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$9.84 per hour), effective September 13, 2021. This was previously approved on September 9, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, 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.