

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

November 18, 2021

Ebensburg, PA
October 28, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 29, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 1, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 2, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 3, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 4, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 5, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 8, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 9, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 10, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 11, 2021

Courthouse closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Ebensburg, PA
November 12, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 15, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 16, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 17, 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 10:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held October 28, 2021, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Ethan Imhoff.

COMMISSIONERS

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a Resolution of the Cambria County Board of Commissioners declaring official intent to reimburse itself with a general obligation note(s) for the following purposes: (1) to purchase and renovate a building located at 236 Jamesway Road, Ebensburg; (2) for capital improvement projects at the Cambria County Courthouse, the Cambria County Prison, the Central Park Complex, and the 1st Summit Arena at the Cambria County War Memorial; and (3) other capital improvement projects.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Amendments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Amendment No. 2 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement, No. 10074155000572021, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services, beginning January 1, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Addendum to the Radio Network Implementation Extension and Network Management Agreement with Mission Critical Partners allowing for an implementation extension from January 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$24,356.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Memorandum with regard to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, 2021 BJA, in the amount of \$21,457.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Structure Sublease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, to lease tower space on West Campbell Street, beginning when a new tower is built and continuing through February 13, 2042, at a rate of \$1,200.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Tower Lease Agreement with In the Stix Broadband, at a rate of \$200.00 per tower site occupied per month, beginning October 28, 2021, and ending October 27, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate with Dino Persio Family Limited Partnership, L.P., to purchase property located at 236 Jamesway Road, Ebensburg, Map No. 08-20.-124.000, in the amount of \$1,700,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with R.H. Marcon, Inc., through Omnia Partners, for roof improvements at the Cambria County Prison, in the amount of \$1,820,535.00.

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:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Educational Development Software, LLC	Amend to include Penn Cambria High School to participating Cambria County School Districts with the aSAP! Student Assistance Program Web-Based Software. Amend federal funds obligated to \$8,645.00.	\$ 8,645.00

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:

Woods Services, Inc.

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
090901	MW	Residential IA – Mollie Woods	\$534.00/day				

Adoption Connection, PA

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
411680	BC	Foster Family Class – BC	\$68.86/day				
411680	PT	Foster Family Class – PT	\$102.83/day				
411680	YF	Foster Family Class – YF	\$79.86/day				
411680	OT	Foster Family Class – OT	\$114.86/day				
411680	YT	Foster Family Class – YT	\$109.87/day				
411680	OF	Foster Family Class – OF	\$84.85/day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a 2021 tax refund for Patti Stefanick and Richard Williams, Sr., Control No. 055-30056, in the amount of \$765.27.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve exonerating 2020 and 2021 taxes for Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority, Parcel No. 34-027.-102.000, as it is a political division of the Commonwealth.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve exonerating delinquent taxes and penalties on property now owned by South Fork Borough located at Map No. 53-003.-206.000.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Bids:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the bid of MARC Service, Inc., of Windber, Pennsylvania, for HF HVAC Upgrades at the Cambria County Prison, in the amount of \$300,220.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the bid of Ward Restaurant Equipment, of White Oak, Pennsylvania, for a walk-in freezer for the Johnstown Senior Activities Center, in the amount of \$69,997.00, also to include the following options:

5-year compressor warranty	\$830.00
5 48” LED lights w/ bulbs	\$685.00
Kick-plate extension on wall	\$660.00
White interior	\$950.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Surplus Vehicles:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the following bids for surplus vehicles:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	UNIT #	AWARDED BUYER	AMOUNT
2006	CHEVROLET	COBALT	2147	JON YANKELITIS	\$575.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0948	JACK BOISVERT	\$2,151.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0944	JACK BOISVERT	\$1,850.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	6928	JACK BOISVERT	\$2,450.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0937	JACK BOISVERT	\$2,900.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0940	JACK BOISVERT	\$2,500.00
2009	FORD	FOCUS	6697	JACK BOISVERT	\$4,950.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0949	JACK BOISVERT	\$3,000.00
2008	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	8079	JACK BOISVERT	\$3,700.00
2009	FORD	FUSION	0799	JACK BOISVERT	\$3,500.00
2005	FORD	CROWN VIC	4137	CARL ABDABELL	\$625.00
2006	FORD	VAN	3358	TOTAL PACKAGE AUTO – MEHROJ AHMEDOV	\$1,060.00
2008	FORD	CROWN VIC	6902	CARL ABDABELL	\$677.00
2008	FORD	CROWN VIC	5957	CARL ABDABELL	\$626.00
2008	FORD	CROWN VIC	2915	CARL ABDABELL	\$929.00
2010	FORD	CROWN VIC	5787	CARL ABDABELL	\$876.00
2011	FORD	EXPEDITION	3751	STEVEN KUZMA	\$875.00
2012	DODGE	CHARGER	0017	BRETT PATTI	\$1,559.00
2015	FORD	EXPLORER	6705	ASHLEY NEWCOMER	\$6,269.00
2009	FORD	EXPEDITION	9412	ROBERT HILLEGASS	\$955.00
2007	FORD	VAN	9026	AMIR EL-KHATIB	\$1,650.00
2005	FORD	TAURUS	9519	JACK BOISVERT	\$1,750.00
2009	FORD	FOCUS	8504	JEREMY ZECHMAN	\$2,050.00
2010	FORD	FOCUS	4820	JACK BOISVERT	\$3,855.00
2010	FORD	FOCUS	6066	JACK BOISVERT	\$3,733.00
2010	FORD	FOCUS	7962	JACK BOISVERT	\$2,710.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0941	JACK BOISVERT	\$2,610.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0950	JACK BOISVERT	\$3,644.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0951	JACK BOISVERT	\$3,573.00
2014	FORD	FOCUS	3625	LARRY ESPOSITO	\$4,600.00
2015	FORD	FOCUS	9524	LARRY ESPOSITO	\$7,088.00
2006	FORD	F250	7488	KEN WATERS	\$1,550.00
2004	FORD	F150	5436	JAMES HITE	\$825.00
2005	FORD	F250	8524	MICHAEL EDMINSTON	\$825.00
1999	OLD TOWN	XTC CANOE	9C999	ELSIE KILMER	\$200.00
1999	OLD TOWN	XTC CANOE	2B999	ELSIE KILMER	\$199.00
1999	OLD TOWN	XTC CANOE	4A999	ELSIE KILMER	\$200.00
1999	OLD TOWN	XTC CANOE	9A999	ELSIE KILMER	\$200.00
1999	OLD TOWN	XTC CANOE	2A999	AARON THOMAS	\$210.00
1999	OLD TOWN	XTC CANOE	2C999	AARON THOMAS	\$210.00
2015	FORD	EXPLORER	1163	WOODROW CLAPPER	\$4,700.00
2008	FORD	FOCUS	0947	JACK BOISVERT	\$2,500.00
2008	CHEVROLET	14 PASSENGER VAN	8803	JAMES HITE	\$1,650.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Reappointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing the following individuals to the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Board, for 6-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2027.

Dr. Janet L. Grady Alan Cashaw Greg Winger

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing David Stoltz and John Nibert to the Cambria County Conservation District Board, for 4-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing Thomas C. Chernisky to the Cambria County Conservation District Board, for a 1-year-term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing Jerome Stephens and Carol Myers to the Cambria County Industrial Development Authority Board, for 5-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing Mary Beth Allenbaugh to the Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities & Early Intervention Board, for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve hiring the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective November 29, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Nathan Wingard
Matthew Leamer
Ashlee Mulraney

David Rummel, Jr.
Jonathan Riggle

Cathy Thomas
Robert Jacobson

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve hiring the following individuals as Full-Time Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.40 per hour), effective November 29, 2021). (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Izaak Gray
Jason Burkhardt

Austin Vasilinda
John Termarki

Chad Sossong

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve hiring Haley Mallin, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$9.84 per hour), effective November 29, 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 Full-Time Telecommunicators for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective November 29, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Zander J. Johnson

Christopher T. Fedora

Dayna R. Edwards

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Jacqueline Butterworth, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$13.86 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$14.55 per hour), effective November 22, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Naomi Brzana, Full-Time Aging Program Assessor for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 44-D/\$32,807.84 annually), to Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$31,167.45 annually), effective November 1, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Marleena Clapper, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$10.94 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$11.49 per hour), effective November 22, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Donald Shirk, Jr., Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.17 per hour), effective November 21, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Brittany Pershing, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$28,414.36 annually), effective November 20, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Thembisile Gxuluwe, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$28,414.36 annually), effective October 23, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Abigail Kline, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-C/\$31,293.08 annually), effective November 13, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove James Audey, Case Management Specialist for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 43-E/\$46,671.04 annually), effective December 4, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Modifications:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve modifying the effective date of Michael Smith, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), from September 20, 2021, to October 4, 2021. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held on September 9, 2021).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve modifying the effective date of Julie Mishler, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 9-G/\$10.43 per hour), from October 18, 2021, to October 26, 2021. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held on October 14, 2021).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve modifying the effective date of Samantha Bees, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), from September 20, 2021, to October 4, 2021. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held on September 9, 2021).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2, 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.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk