

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

December 23, 2021

Ebensburg, PA
December 15, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 16, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 17, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 20, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 21, 2021

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 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 Special 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 Hunt to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held December 15, 2021, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Emilee Henn voiced concerns about a promotion in the Coroner's Office as well as concerns about the Coroner.

Lisa Kozorosky voiced concerns about the County not having a courier to transport interoffice mail for two (2) weeks.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the settlement in the opioid lawsuit filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, Docket No. 2017-008095.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Budget:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve adopting the proposed 2022 Budget.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Agreement:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2022 Annual Loan Agreement with the Cambria Somerset Authority in the amount of \$190,140.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Natalie Kauffman to the Cambria County BH/ID & EI Advisory Board, for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Reappointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the reappointment of Giles Dumm to the Cambria County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending January 1, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the reappointment of Steve Verbosky to the Cambria County Fire Advisory Committee, for a 2-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the following reappointments to the Cambria County Police Advisory Committee, for 2-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2023.

Jeff McEvoy

Tim Rhoades

Phil Vaught

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Bid:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the bid of Mid-State Construction, Inc., of Altoona, Pennsylvania, for the Cambria County Courthouse Window Replacement Project, in the amount of \$3,226,133.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Kristen J. McQuillan, Per-Diem Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), effective January 9, 2022. (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 Robert Stepien, Per-Diem Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), effective January 9, 2022. (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 Michael Beblar, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$23.31 per hour), to Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$23.31 per hour), effective January 3, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer William Goins, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$18.75 per hour), to Full-Time Chief Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 49-F/\$42,900.00 annually), effective January 3, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer John Branick, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$15.38 per hour), to Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$18.00 per hour), effective January 3, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Ira Hart, Per-Diem Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), to Full-Time Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$35,600.00 annually), effective January 9, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Mary Ellen Bard, Full-Time Administrative Secretary for the Conservation District, (Paygrade 36-C/\$21.31 per hour), effective January 8, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jeffrey Allen, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.43 per hour), effective December 15, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk