

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**January 6, 2020**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 19, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 20, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 23, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 24, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 25, 2019**

**Courthouse closed in observance of Christmas Day.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 26, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 27, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 30, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 31, 2019**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 1, 2020**

**Courthouse closed in observance of New Year's Day.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 2, 2020**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 3, 2020**

**Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Commissioners in Session. Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt were present.**

**The Reorganizational Meeting of the Cambria County Board of Commissioners was called to Order by Commissioner Chernisky in the Commissioners' Office of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of December 19, 2019, but to approve them and place them on file.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed. Commissioner Hunt abstained.**

**Public Comment:**

**John DeBartola voiced a concern that the previous Administration made Board and Authority appointments before those individuals' terms were up. He believes the appointments should have been done under the new Administration.**

**Mr. DeBartola also made it known that he believes the Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership is controlling government illegally.**

**Reorganization:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to nominate Thomas C. Chernisky as President Commissioner.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to nominate William J. Smith as Vice President Commissioner.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to nominate Scott W. Hunt as Secretary to the Board of Commissioners.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to appoint Michael Gelles, IV, as Chief Clerk.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to appoint Tara N. Keilman as Deputy Chief Clerk.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to appoint William Gleason Barbin, Esquire as Solicitor.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to appoint Thomas Finn, Esquire, as Assistant Solicitor for personnel, labor, and workers' compensation issues.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to appoint Thomas Swope, Esquire, as Assistant Solicitor for tax assessment, tax claims, and tax appeal issues.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the following dates and locations for regular public 2020 Commissioner Meetings:**

- January 9<sup>th</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.
- February 13<sup>th</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.
- February 26<sup>th</sup>, Art Works, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 413 Third Avenue, Johnstown, 15906, 6:05 p.m.
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.
- April 9<sup>th</sup>, Northern Cambria Community Development, 4200 Crawford Avenue, Suite 200, Northern Cambria, 15714, 10:00 a.m.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Carrolltown Borough Municipal Building, 140 East Carroll Street, Carrolltown, 15722, 6:05 p.m.
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, Mount Aloysius College, Wolf-Kuhn Gallery, 7373 Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson, 16630, 10:00 a.m.

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, Duman Park, Pavilion No. 10, 10:00 a.m.  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1889 Clubhouse, 186 Main Street, St. Michael, 15951, 6:05 p.m.  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, Lake Rowena, Pavilion No. 2, 10:00 a.m.  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, Path of the Flood, Ehrenfeld Trail Head, Mount Carmel Street, South Fork,  
15956, 10:00 a.m.  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, Conference on the Park, 110 Franklin Street, Suite 100, Johnstown,  
15901, 10:00 a.m.  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, Courthouse, 10:00 a.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Appointments:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the appointment of Scott W. Hunt and William J. Smith as Commissioner Representatives to the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission Executive Committee.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Thomas C. Chernisky as the Commissioner Alternate to the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission Executive Committee.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the appointment of William J. Smith to the Cambria County Solid Waste Authority, for a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, 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