

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

January 9, 2020

Ebensburg, PA  
January 6, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
January 7, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
January 8, 2020

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 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 January 6, 2020, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

John DeBartola again voiced a concern that the previous Administration made Board and Authority appointments prior to the end of 2019. He believes the appointments should have been done under the new Administration.

### **Mileage:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the change of the County mileage reimbursement rate to be equal to the IRS mileage reimbursement rate, \$0.575 per mile, effective January 1, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### **Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Location Release with My Tupelo Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a My Entertainment, to film at the old Cambria County Jail.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Windber Fire Company No. 1, d/b/a Northern Emergency Medical Services with regard to Gregory Schilling, II.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the contract with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Support Staff (2C), effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the contract with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Professional Staff (2D), effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024.

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the contract with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Professional/Supervisory (2E), effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the contract with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Support Staff Supervisors (2F), effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024.**

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

**Appointments:**

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

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the appointment of Marc McCall to the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Board to fill an unexpired term beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2023.**

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

## **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Megan Bradley, Full-Time First Deputy for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 49-A/\$36,000.00 annually), effective January 13, 2020. (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 Jessica Smego, Full-Time Second Deputy for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$15.39 per hour), effective January 27, 2020. (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 Bernadette Sheehan, Full-Time First Deputy for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 49-A/\$36,000.00 annually), effective January 13, 2020. (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 Bruce Yeckley, Per-Diem Maintenance Technician for the Prison, (Paygrade 25-F/\$17.00 per hour), effective January 12, 2020. (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 Tara Brunnet, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.06 per hour), effective January 21, 2020. (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 Lauren C. Presser, Part-Time Solicitor for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 000-C/\$1,800.24 annually), effective January 13, 2020. (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 George Elias, Part-Time Solicitor for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 000-C/\$1,800.24 annually), effective January 13, 2020. (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 Alexander Gardini, 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/\$19.90 per hour), effective January 12, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Audrey Mottin, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$11.42 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$11.99 per hour), effective January 13, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Eva Shevock, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.23 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$10.74 per hour), effective January 13, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Naomi Brzana, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$30,292.86 annually), to Full-Time Aging Program Assessor for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 44-D/\$31,807.62 annually), effective January 13, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Amber Williams, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer II for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 11-B/\$11.79 per hour), to Full-Time Special Assistant to the District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 60-C/\$28,921.97 annually), effective January 13, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Karissa Deckard, Full-Time Account Clerk I for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 5-A/\$9.56 per hour), to Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Zanghi's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$10.72 per hour), effective January 13, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Remove from Payroll:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Barbara Plazek, Full-Time First Deputy for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 49-A/\$37,080.13 annually), effective January 4, 2020.

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jessica DiFlauro, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.06 per hour), effective January 4, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Carla Portash, Full-Time First Deputy for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 49-A/\$39,736.97 annually), effective January 3, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Michael Szpala, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 7-B/\$18,950.10 annually), effective February 11, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Robert Ressler, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-C/\$30,293.12 annually), effective January 18, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Sarah Bantly, Full-Time Drug and Alcohol Case Management Supervisor for Drug and Alcohol, (Paygrade 57-D/\$34,247.20 annually), effective January 18, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Shayne Eckels, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective December 31, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jennifer Hagens, Full-Time Special Assistant to the District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 60-C/\$31,924.18 annually), effective January 10, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Lisa Swope, Part-Time Solicitor for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 000-C/\$1,800.24 annually), effective January 10, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Gerald P. Neugebauer, Part-Time Solicitor for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 000-C/\$1,800.24 annually), effective January 10, 2020.**

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

**Rescind:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to rescind Katie Baker, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$27,214.30 annually), effective December 30, 2019.**

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

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting will be held on January 23, 2020, in the Jury Room of the 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**