

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

July 9, 2020

Ebensburg, PA  
June 24, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 25, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 26, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 29, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 30, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 1, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 2, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 3, 2020

Courthouse closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

Ebensburg, PA  
July 6, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 7, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 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 President Commissioner Chernisky at Pavilion No. 2 at Lake Rowena, Ebensburg, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of June 24, 2020, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

Don Robertson, Chief Deputy Sheriff, stated that he would be providing a rebuttal to the Controller's audit of the Sheriff's Office after the meeting.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Melvin Wingard.

# COMMISSIONERS

Joel Valentine, from Wessel & Company, provided a report on Cambria County's 2019 Audit.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with CJL Engineering for engineering services regarding restrooms at the Johnstown Senior Activities Center, at a rate of \$10,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Hunting License Issuing Agent Agreement between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Cambria County Treasurer's Office.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Contract No. 3448780 with Lamar, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging, for advertising, in the amount of \$3,825.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with Remembering Adam for substance abuse prevention education sessions from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020, at the Cambria County Prison.

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 for Cambria County Children & Youth FY 2019-2020 Budget:

Sign Language Specialists of Western PA, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
<b>Sign Language Interpreting and/or Transliterating</b>	
Standard fee with 2 hours minimum – 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., portal-to-portal. Assignments over 2 hours shall have 2 <sup>nd</sup> interpreter scheduled.	\$65.00 per hour
Emergency call after 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. with 2 hours minimum. Customer will be billed a minimum of 2 hours interpreting time for all assignments and in 15-minute increments thereafter. For all assignments not cancelled within 24 hours, interpreter will receive 2-hour minimum charge. Cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice, early completion, and client/student no shows will be charged the requested time or 2 hour minimum per interpreter.	\$70.00 per hour
Assignments within 10-mile radius, no charge. Assignments over 10-mile radius, charged \$30.00 per hour travel rate, \$30.00 minimum charge.	\$30.00 per hour travel over 10 miles
Holidays and weekend rates.	\$70.00 per hour
Increase for when interpreter attends court.	\$70.00 per hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County BH/ID & EI FY 2019-2020 Budget:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapists, Inc. d/b/a Pivot Physical Therapy Of Western Pennsylvania	To provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy including any special instructions for the Early Intervention Program.	\$10,000.00 additional for a total of \$70,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth FY 2020-2021 Budget:

Dennis Kashurba, Psychologist

Service Provided	Rate
Psychological Evaluations	\$114.00/hour
Individual/Family/Group Therapy	\$114.00/hour
Court Testimony	\$114.00/hour
Court Documentation	\$114.00/hour
Consultation	\$114.00/hour
Training Facilitation	\$114.00/training

Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
Two (2) Social Service Aid Workers for July 1, 2020, to March 5, 2021	Not to exceed \$87,720.92
The Bair Foundation	
Service Provided	Rate
One (1) Social Service Aid Worker for July 1, 2020, to March 5, 2021	Not to exceed \$41,817.18

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve seventeen (17) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI FY 2020-2021 Budget:**

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Leaps & Bounds Developmental Services, LLC	Early Intervention initial and annual evaluations.	\$ 100,000.00
The Learning Lamp	The Learning Lamp will provide small group social-emotional counseling and tutoring to high-risk children at all three of their outreach sites.	\$ 28,548.00
Pediatric Therapy, LLC	Provides pediatric physical/occupational therapies, speech therapy, social work, and special instruction for behavior, hearing, & vision.	\$ 340,000.00
Skills of Central Pa, Inc.	Behavioral Health – Community habilitation services via care, support, and skills training with supervision.	\$ 115,420.00
Skills of Central Pa, Inc.	Intellectual Disabilities – Adult Development Training Program and Drop-in-Center.	\$ 260,352.00
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	To provide family-based behavioral health services.	\$ 10,000.00
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	To provide psychological evaluations.	\$ 5,000.00
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	To provide psychiatric services for indigent population.	\$ 5,000.00
Peer Empowerment Network	Consumer Drop-in-Center, which promotes consumer participation in meetings, task forces, and/or committees.	\$ 174,000.00
Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies	Supported Employment for Intellectual Disabled Consumers	\$ 1,846.00
Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies	Supported employment for Behavioral Health consumers	\$ 50,000.00
Cambria County Association for the Blind & Handicapped	Shelter Employment Program with the intent of maintaining the overall personal, social, and vocational needs of Behavioral Health consumers	\$ 188,667.00
Cambria County Association for the Blind & Handicapped	Shelter Employment Program with the intent of maintaining the overall personal, social, and vocational needs of those with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities.	\$ 131,529.00
Sign Language Specialists of Western PA, Inc.	To provide language interpretation services/sessions including court testimony and reporting.	\$ 5,000.00
Rebekah Manor Wellness Community	The supported structured living arrangements services mentally ill elderly adults with a primary diagnosis of mental health.	\$ 146,000.00
Alternative Community Resource Program	Provider will provide family support services along with identifying indigent/underinsured individuals and linking them to services.	\$ 5,000.00
Independent Family Services, Inc.	Family-based behavioral health services will be provided.	\$ 10,000.00

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve eleven (11) Service Contracts for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging FY 2020-2021 Budget:**

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT FY 2019-2020	CONTRACT AMOUNT FY 2020-2021
Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers	Provide PC & HS	\$130,000.00 max	\$130,000.00 max
Resta Home Health	Provide PC & HS	\$50,000.00 max	\$50,000.00 max
Rose Personal Care	Provide PC & HS	\$40,000.00 max	\$40,000.00 max
Cambria Health Services	Provide PC, HS, LPN, & RN	\$240,000.00 max	\$240,000.00 max
Joseph Messina, Esquire	Legal Consulting	\$12,000.00 max	\$12,000.00 max
Nutrition, Inc.	Leasing of Senior Centers	\$1.00 annually	\$1.00 annually
Nutrition Trust & Service	Manage Senior Centers	\$875,556.00 max	\$875,556.00 max
Nealen Personal Care	Provide PC & HS	\$125,000.00 max	\$125,000.00 max
William T. Hindman Funeral Home	Funeral & Burial Services		\$300.00 per service
Helpmates, Inc.	Provide PC & HS	\$12,000.00 max	\$12,000.00 max
Need a Hand Handyman	Provide Home Repairs	\$10,000.00 max	\$10,000.00 max

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Human Services FY 2020-2021 Budget:**

<u>VENDOR/CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CONTRACTED RATE</u> <u>FY 2020-2021</u>
The Nutrition Group	The provider shall offer primary and emergency meals to eligible adult clients as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements.	\$ 40,000.00

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol FY 2020-2021 Budget:**

<u>VENDOR/CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CONTRACTED RATE</u> <u>FY 2020-2021</u>
<b>SKILLS OF CENTRAL PA, INC.</b>	Evaluation	\$94.00/episode
	Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient-Individual	\$82.00/hour
	Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient-Group	\$38.00/hour
	Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient-Family	\$85.00/hour
	Partial-Individual	45.00/hour
	Partial-Group	\$45.00/hour
	Partial-Family	\$85.00/hour
	UDS	\$25.00/episode

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

**Appointment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the appointment of Jessenia Anderson to the Cambria County War Memorial Authority Board, for a 4-year term, beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2024.**

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

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Kayla Behory, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$27,914.30 annually), effective July 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 Lindsay Layton, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$27,914.30 annually), effective, July 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 Jennifer Sklodowski, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$27,914.30 annually), effective July 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 Emma Racz, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$12.78 per hour), effective August 3, 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 Marie Calvetti, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Register of Wills' Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.06 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Register of Wills' Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$10.56 per hour), effective July 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 III for the Register of Wills' Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$10.74 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Register of Wills' Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$11.28 per hour), effective July 13, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Audrey Mottin, Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Register of Wills' Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$11.99 per hour), to Full-Time Second Deputy for the Register of Wills' Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$12.60 per hour), effective July 13, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Kelly Jones, Full-Time Court Reporter for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 47-K/\$55,546.40 annually), to Full-Time Court Reporter for the Courts, (Paygrade 47-K/\$55,546.40 annually), effective June 8, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Lisa Hauliska, Full-Time Court Reporter for the Courts, (Paygrade 47-K/\$55,546.40 annually), to Full-Time Court Reporter for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 47-K/\$55,546.40 annually), effective June 8, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Zachary Nealen, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$43,534.40 annually), to Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$50,310.00 annually), effective July 12, 2020.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Randall Rokita, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$29,975.40 annually), effective July 7, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Earl Springer, II, Full-Time Maintenance Worker III for Maintenance, (Paygrade 20-D/\$14.35 per hour), effective July 17, 2020.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Tara Brunnet, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.06 per hour), effective July 7, 2020.**

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

**Remove from Payroll Amendment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to amend Sharon Knepper, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Courts, (Paygrade 47-C/\$56,604.08 annually), effective June 16, 2020, not June 17, 2020.**

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

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting will be held on July 23, 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**