

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

October 22, 2020

Ebensburg, PA  
October 8, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 9, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 12, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 13, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 14, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 15, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 16, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 19, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 20, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA  
October 21, 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, 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 the Meeting of October 8, 2020, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

John DeBartola stated that he believes the County is not being transparent regarding the grants provided to local businesses and non-profit organizations with CARES Act funding.

Jeff Nagle spoke on behalf of an individual who was told she would be receiving a per-diem position in the Veterans Affairs Office, even though two (2) other individuals were recently hired for positions in that office.

**Proclamation:**

A Proclamation was presented for Red Ribbon Week.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to appoint Dr. R. Scott Magley as Medical Director for the Cambria County 911 Center, at no cost to Cambria County.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Policy:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Policy for the Cambria County Prison to Mitigate Staffing Shortages Due to Covid-19.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Exhibit A-1 to the License Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Police, regarding the Pindelton and Lower Yoder tower locations.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Lease Agreement with Judy Cooper to rent space at the Central Park Complex, (former site of The Press Bistro), for a term beginning November 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, at a rate of \$1,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Agreements between Karpel Computer Systems, Inc., and the Cambria County District Attorney’s Office, for software and licensing, at the following rates:

PROSECUTORbyKarpel (software, licensing, support services)	<b>\$60,500.00</b>
PROSECUTORbyKarpel (project management, training, support services)	<b>\$50,700.00</b>
HOSTEDbyKarpel	<b>\$100.00 per year per user</b>

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the UPMC Health Benefits, Inc., stop loss insurance renewal, the UPMC Health Plan renewals, and the UPMC Benefit Management renewal, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Act 24/CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Non-Governmental Recipient Agreements, in amounts not to exceed \$175,000.00, with the following organizations, in conformity with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community & Economic Development guidance:

**Small Businesses & Tourism:**

ABD Construction Services, LLC	<b>\$20,538.00</b>
Bruce A. Felix, O.D., P.C.	<b>\$6,832.64</b>
Dennis P. Kotzan	<b>\$14,557.21</b>
Dubyak Restaurant, LP	<b>\$43,500.00</b>

Fellabaum and Company, Inc.	\$6,003.46
First Credit Resources, Inc.	\$96,150.00
FSHAY, LLC	\$20,000.00
Gella, LLC	\$26,961.81
Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique	\$3,921.40
H2 Environmental Services, LLC	\$3,791.64
Industrial Heating & Cleaning Equipment, LLC	\$18,532.51
Integrated Technologies & Services, LLC	\$26,508.66
Jakes Pub and Grill	\$16,070.00
Johnstown Credit Bureau, Inc.	\$984.34
Jtown, LLC	\$100.00
Kosta's Restaurant	\$11,928.64
LaFiesta Mexican Bar & Grill of Ebensburg	\$10,000.00
Melissa's Hand Made Purses	\$105.00
Nicole Falchini Oravec	\$25,978.97
Pasquerilla Enterprises, LP	\$165,354.00
Portage Power Wash, Inc.	\$12,179.50
Rimini Foodservices, LLC	\$6,126.38
Schumacher Assets, LLC	\$3,000.00
Sir Barney's Restaurant	\$10,040.00
Stone Company Online Holdings	\$2,927.20
Synchronicity Mind Body Fitness	\$7,735.00
The Noon-Collins Inn	\$5,825.05
Tony Sunseri Wholesale Foods Distributors, Inc.	\$6,388.26

**Non-Profit Organizations:**

1901 Church, Inc.	\$6,266.86
Adams Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2	\$8,483.77
Alternative Community Resources Program	\$175,000.00
Birthright of Johnstown, Inc.	\$5,047.05
Blacklick Valley Foundation and Ambulance Service, Inc.	\$9,094.00
Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center	\$9,829.52
Cambria County Historical Society	\$2,877.26
Cambria County Senior Centers	\$10,563.43
Cambria Township Volunteer Fire Company	\$4,543.66
Community Arts Center of Cambria County	\$6,083.75
Ebensburg Free Public Library	\$2,253.50
Friends of the Cambria County Library	\$730.00
Gallitzin Fire Company No. 1	\$3,042.49
Gallitzin Public Library	\$1,196.64
Greater Johnstown Community YMCA	\$76,211.00
Hastings Public Library	\$7,604.50
Hope Fire Company	\$6,336.00
Humane Society of Cambria County	\$2,264.04
Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co.	\$6,444.00
Johnstown Area Heritage Association	\$70,900.00
Johnstown Area Regional Industries, Inc.	\$23,516.00
Johnstown Concert Ballet	\$841.45
Johnstown Symphony Orchestra	\$6,785.03
Nanty-Glo Tri Area Museum and Historical Society	\$3,789.81
Portage Library Association	\$1,468.80
Remembering ADAM, Inc.	\$206.00
Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art	\$7,389.00
Summerhill Township Volunteer Fire Company	\$10,612.10
West Hills Recreation Commission, LTD	\$15,053.97
YWCA of Greater Johnstown	\$12,819.00

**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 Children & Youth FY 2020-2021 Budget:**

Youth Intensive Services						
	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
06/20/20 to 06/30/20	Res 1	\$350.00/day				
07/01/20 to 06/30/21	Res 1	\$150.00/day				

**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 2020-2021 Budget:**

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	CONTRACTED RATE FY 2020-2021
Cambria County Association for the Blind and Handicapped	Shelter Employment Program – Maintain the overall personal, social, and vocational needs of those with intellectual disabilities, mental health and developmental disabilities.	From \$131,529.00 to \$110,014.00

**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 Drug & Alcohol FY 2020-2021 Budget:**

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	CONTRACTED RATE FY 2020-2021
Bowling Green Brandywine	Remove partial hospitalization from Kennett Square location and add partial hospitalization at Oxford location. Rate revision from \$135.00/day to \$141.00/day. Addition of females to population to be served.	\$141.00/day

**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:**

Tabor Children's Services, Inc.							
Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
115000	XO	Kinship	\$76.74	\$8.84	\$75.90	\$30.63	\$45.27
115000	ZA	SBH Kinship	\$99.61	\$8.85	\$98.76	\$53.38	\$45.38

LifeSpan Family Services of PA, Inc.							
Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
441380	FC	Foster Care	\$69.94/day			\$30.00	\$39.94
441380	BC	Behaviorally-Challenged Foster Care	\$89.06/day			\$40.00	\$49.06
441380	MN	Medically-Needy Foster Care	\$89.06/day			\$40.00	\$49.06
441380	EP	Emergency Placement*	\$96.94/day			\$43.00	\$53.94
441380	RP	Respite	\$96.94/day			\$43.00	\$53.94
441380	PY	Parenting Youth	\$115.77/day			\$52.00	\$63.77
441380	KN	Kinship Care	\$59.38/day			\$20.00	\$39.38

\*30-day maximum for Emergency Placement

Families United Network, Inc.							
Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	CH	Foster Family Class – CH	\$63.68/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	CK	Foster Family Class – CK	\$63.68/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	MC	Foster Family Class – MC	\$114.73/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	UP	Foster Family Class – UP	\$79.06/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	RF	Foster Family Class – RF	\$48.73/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	TF	Foster Family Class – TF	\$75.31/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	IF	Foster Family Class – IF	\$98.74/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	MO	Foster Family Class – MO	\$51.10/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	MT	Foster Family Class – MT	\$50.31/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	MH	Foster Family Class – MH	\$37.73/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	MF	Foster Family Class – MF	\$28.65/day				
31110 324770 312450 213530 437510 334240 446990	MS	Foster Family Class – MS	\$42.86/day				
301060	LR	Arborsvale Manor Life Readiness	\$182.51/day				
361920	LO	Ashler Manor – Level 1	\$199.28/day				
361920	LT	Ashler Manor – Level 2	\$208.07/day				
361920	SC	Ashler Manor – Emergency Shelter Care	\$182.34/day				
331940	TL	Ashler Manor – Transitional Living Program	\$133.90/day				
332900	WO	White Rose Manor – Level 1	\$199.28/day				
332870	WL	White Rose Manor – Transitional Living Program	\$133.90/day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Appointment:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the appointment of James Benshoff to the Cambria County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, to fill an unexpired term beginning October 22, 2020, and ending January 1, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Tax Exonerations:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to authorize and direct the Tax Claim Bureau Director to strike, from the records in her office, taxes, plus penalty, interest, and fees assessed against:

CONTROL NO.	MAP NO.	ASSESSED NAME	MUNICIPALITY	EXONERATE
34-58573	34-1059.000.052	Roberts, Carrie	Jackson Township	2019 taxes. Trailer removed without permit.
34-111285	34-059.000.150	Jacobson, Robert & Angela	Jackson Township	2018-2019 taxes. Upon posting, trailer was burned out. Assessment removed from taxation.
46-26522	46-017.000.096	Yarosh, Joseph A.	Portage Borough 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	2019 taxes. Trailer razed in 2019.
16-119648	16-001.000.02A	Kurtz, Corey Robert	Cresson Township	2019 taxes. Trailer removed.
27-56440	27-012.000.000	Ferguson, Isaac & Margaret A.	Elder Township	2017 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
47-27048	47-010.000.000	Barclay, Jason & Sarah	Portage Borough 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	2016 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
49-66474	49-021.000.000	Yedlosky, Kelleen & McConnell, Francis & McConnell, Patricia A.	Reade Township	2015 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
49-67087	49-021.000.000	Yedlosky, Melinda K. & McConnell, Francis L.	Reade Township	2001 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
56-13382	56-074.000.000	Sherry, Robert A. & Lori A.	Northern Cambria Borough	1998 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
66-32623	66-112.000.000	MTR, Inc.	Westmont Borough	1999 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
75-765	75-001.000.000	Christensen, Elizabeth A. & Anna M.	Johnstown 5 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2001 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
76-1155	76-003.000.000	Williams, Donna J.	Johnstown 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward	1999 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
76-1340	76-004.000.000	Heningcamp, Kendra L.	Johnstown 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward	1999 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
78-3906	78.025.000.000	Wilson, Ronald L.	Johnstown 8 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2005 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
79-4239	79-004.000.000	Isley, Michael	Johnstown 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2007 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
79-4293	79-003.000.000	Tatum, William	Johnstown 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2008 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
79-4316	79-001.000.000	Hipp, Charles J. & Louise W.	Johnstown 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2006 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
79-4474	79-001.000.000	MPA, Inc., & Bush Business Development Corporation	Johnstown 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2009 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
79-4486	79-004.000.000	Isley, Michael	Johnstown 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2007 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
85-83587	85-001.000.000	MTR, Inc.	Johnstown 15 <sup>th</sup> Ward	1998 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
85-83588	85-001.000.000	MTR, Inc.	Johnstown 15 <sup>th</sup> Ward	1998 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
85-83589	85-001.000.000	MTR, Inc.	Johnstown 15 <sup>th</sup> Ward	1998 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
88-6476	88-008.000.000	Johnstown Metro Development, LLC	Johnstown 18 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2012 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
88-6571	88-006.000.000	Grimme, David A.	Johnstown 18 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2006 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.
88-6691	88-008.000.000	Home Dreams Capital, LLC	Johnstown 18 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2015 through 2019 taxes. Offered at 10/14/20 Judicial Sale. No bidder. Now available for Repository Sale.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Tracey Rocus, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$10.05 per hour), effective October 26, 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 Eric Johncola, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$36,102.13 annually), effective November 2, 2020. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Sandra Gresko, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 9-E/\$10.74 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 15-E/\$11.28 per hour), effective October 26, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

### Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Robert Oravis, Part-Time Van Driver for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 9-J/\$9.62 per hour), effective October 2, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Nicholas Frontino, Full-Time County Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$28,614.30 annually), effective October 24, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Alexia Nicholson, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.93 per hour), effective October 6, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove John Cosgrove, Part-Time Van Driver for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 9-J/\$9.62 per hour), effective October 17, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Modification:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve modifying the salary of Shannon Meredith, Full-Time Aging Care Manager III, to (Paygrade 45-B/\$31,474.30 annually), effective September 1, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting will be held on November 19, 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**