

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

December 17, 2020

Ebensburg, PA
December 8, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 9, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 10, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 11, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 14, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 15, 2020

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

Ebensburg, PA
December 16, 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 10:05 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held December 8, 2020, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola quoted part of an article from The Tribune Democrat regarding the 1st Summit Arena at the Cambria County War Memorial and stated that he was worried about how the Arena will survive due to the pandemic.

Mr. DeBartola also quoted part of an article from The Tribune Democrat pertaining to travel at the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport.

Lastly, Mr. DeBartola raised concerns over County CARES money being given to ABD Construction.

COMMISSIONERS

Budget:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve adopting the proposed 2021 Budget.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Allocation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a 2020 special allocation to the Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Fee Schedule:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the following Fee Schedule, as requested by the President Judge, for court-appointed counsel, in criminal matters, effective January 1, 2021.

- All paid at completion – \$75.00 per hour.
- Pleas – \$800.00 cap for the first two (2) cases; \$150.00 each additional case.
- Bench Trials – \$900.00 cap for the first (2) cases; \$200.00 each additional case.
- Jury Trials – \$2,300.00 cap for the first (2) cases; \$300.00 each additional case.
- Murder Trials – \$10,000.00 cap for a death sentence.
\$15,000.00 cap, if the penalty phase is done.
\$7,000.00 cap for a non-death sentence.

(Maximum for experts on these cases is \$5,000.00 and must be preapproved by the Court. Any excess over this amount must also be preapproved by the Court).

- Bench and jury representation includes post-trial motions and sentencing but not appeals.
- Appeals – \$1,200.00 cap.
- PCRA – \$700.00 cap, (does not include appeal).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Huntingdon County for the housing of inmates at the Cambria County Prison, at a rate of \$70.00 per day.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2021 Loan Agreement with the Cambria Somerset Authority, in the amount of \$318,030.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Letter Agreement with Kline Kimlin to provide accounting services for the DUI Account, for fiscal year October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, at a rate of \$2,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Lease:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a Lease with Judy Cooper for space at the Central Park Complex, (former Press Bistro location), for January through March, 2021, at a rate of \$600.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Change Order:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve Change Order No. 3 of Motorola Solutions, with regard to the 911 System Update Project:

- Five (5) new tower sites – \$1,642,523.77
- SUA, 15-year lifecycle services (beginning July, 2023) – \$2,522,156.00
- Total – \$4,164,679.77

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Proposals:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposal of NavVis US, Inc., for the Interior Mapping Technology System Project, in the amount of \$95,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve accepting the proposal of Ameriserv Financial for a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2021, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, at an interest rate of 0.65%, as well as the corresponding Note Resolution.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Reappointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing the following individuals to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, for 3-year terms, beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2023.

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| Kim Gorman | Jami Zipf | Chad Kamler |
| Delores Zatorsky | Barbara Crissey | William Parrish |
| Barbara Lehmier | Fr. George Johnson | Carol Harding |
| Linda Gregg | | |

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Appointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Donna Locher and Constance Stransky to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, for 3-year terms, beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing James McMullen Chairman of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hire:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Debra Hoover, Full-Time Accounting Assistant I for the Controller’s Office, (Paygrade 11-D/\$10.00 per hour), effective December 28, 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 Agnes Kertes, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 9-E/\$15.49 per hour), to Full-Time Court Coordinator for the Courts, (Paygrade 28-F/\$33,000.00 annually), effective January 1, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Allen Hostetler, Full-Time Operations Manager for Technology, (Paygrade 86-Q/\$46,518.42 annually), to Full-Time Director of Technology for Technology, (Paygrade 87-H/\$52,000.00 annually), effective January 1, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Victoria Yarnish, Full-Time Account Clerk II/Float for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 11-C/\$11.64 per hour), to Full-Time Clerk Typist II/Float for Voter Registration, (9-K/\$11.06 per hour), effective December 21, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Michael Sylvester, Part-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$26,905.23 annually), to Full-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, (Paygrade 48-L/\$50,876.00 annually), effective January 4, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Keri Lyn Burke, Full-Time Account Clerk II/Float for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 11-C/\$12.89 per hour), effective December 4, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Theodore Lombardo, Jr., Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$12.78 per hour), effective December 7, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, 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.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk