

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

April 11, 2019

Ebensburg, PA  
March 21, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
March 22, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
March 25, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
March 26, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
March 27, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
March 28, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
March 29, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 1, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 2, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 3, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 4, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 5, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 8, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 9, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 10, 2019

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

**Commissioners in Session.** Commissioners William J. Smith and Mark J. Wissinger were present, with Commissioner Thomas C. Chernisky participating via telephone.

Call to Order was made by Commissioner Smith, in Room A144 of the Workforce Development Department of Penn Highlands, Richland Campus, at 10:05 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to waive the reading of the Minutes of March 21, 2019, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

John DeBartola stated that he believes the County needs to be more transparent and more honest.

**Proclamations:**

Proclamations were presented for Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Telecommunicators Week.

## COMMISSIONERS

**Ordinance:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Ordinance reaffirming and ratifying the County's participation in the Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool and the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, as amended.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Policy:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection with regard to engineering firms.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County Children & Youth Service FY 2018-2019 Budget:

Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc.

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Social Service Aid Workers for April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019	Not to Exceed \$43,209.36

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County BH/ID & EI FY 2018-2019 Budget:

Merakey Pennsylvania

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Addition of Companion Care – Level 2	\$1,621.00 for service/\$13,471.00 contract total

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Appointment:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the appointment of Giles Dumm to the Cambria County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, to fill the unexpired term of Gene Eckenrode, beginning April 11, 2019, and ending December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Appeals:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Stipulation of Settlement regarding the tax appeal of Cambria Cogen Company, filed at No. 2017-4414, Tax Parcel No. 08-005.-107.001.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Stipulation of Settlement regarding the tax appeals of Inter-Power/Ahlcon Partners, L.P., filed at Nos. 2017-4415 and 2018 5552.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Exemption:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve a tax exemption, effective January 1, 2019, for John D. Gailey, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' Real Property Tax Exemption Certification, for Parcel No. 13-018.-122.005.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Exoneration:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger 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
33-20845	33-006.-307.000	Yeckley, Stephen M.	Hastings Borough	2017 County & Borough taxes. Returned to Tax Claim in error. Paid to Tax Collector 4-22-17.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Bryan Williams, Full-Time Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$27,214.30 annually), effective April 15, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Randall Rokita, Full-Time Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$27,214.30 annually), effective April 15, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Shannon Meredith, Full-Time Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$27,214.30 annually), effective April 15, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Domenic Spinelli, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$27,214.30 annually), effective April 15, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Matthew Gribler, Part-Time Assistant District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$25,925.00 annually), effective April 15, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Lynette Kirsch, Per-Diem Youth Fair Coordinator for the Courts, (Paygrade 000-W/\$20.00 per hour), effective April 29, 2019, through August 23, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Debra Riek, Per-Diem Assistant Youth Fair Coordinator for the Courts, (Paygrade 000-X/\$15.00 per hour), effective April 29, 2019, through August 23, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Michaela O'Toole, Per-Diem Assistant Youth Fair Coordinator for the Courts, (Paygrade 000-X/\$15.00 per hour), effective May 28, 2019, through August 2, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Sandra Gresko, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 3-B/\$9.89 per hour), effective April 15, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Lori Heatley, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Susan Gindlesperger's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$10.16 per hour), effective April 15, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to hire Zackary Portser, Full-Time Director of Veterans' Affairs for Veterans' Affairs, (Paygrade 46-A/\$34,000.00 annually), effective April 29, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

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

**Transfer:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Eileen Dixon, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$44,267.34 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$44,267.34 annually), effective April 29, 2019.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Johnathan Mollette, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$28,893.02 annually), effective April 6, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Benjamin Berkebile, Full-Time Accountant I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-H/\$27,881.36 annually), effective March 30, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Chris Alexander, Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$48,844.64 annually), effective April 13, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove David Marrapode, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective March 25, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Amy Wiesheier, Full-Time Human Resources Clerk for Human Resources, (Paygrade 20-O/\$14.29 per hour), effective April 23, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Logan Cadwallader, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$12.78 per hour), effective April 7, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove George Gustkey, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective April 9, 2019**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Justin Silvis, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective April 9, 2019.**

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

**Commissioner Smith stated that the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 6:05 p.m., at the Cambria County Fire School, 292 Ott Road, Patton.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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**Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk**