

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

September 26, 2019

Ebensburg, PA
September 12, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 13, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 16, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 17, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 18, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 19, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 20, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 23, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 24, 2019

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

Ebensburg, PA
September 25, 2019

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

Commissioners in Session. Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger were present.

Call to Order was made by President Commissioner Chernisky at the Portage Library, 704 Main Street, Portage, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of September 12, 2019, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola questioned why the County would defend the District Attorney. He also questioned the salary of the manager at the 1st Summit Arena at the Cambria County War Memorial. Mr. DeBartola further commented that the Commissioners should represent the taxpayers and that they should begin efforts to eliminate climate change.

COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve an Ordinance authorizing the establishment of a property tax exemption for certain underutilized, blighted, or deteriorated industrial, commercial, or other business property within a specific geographic area in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, designated as a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Addendum:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Addendum to the Agreement for Correctional Healthcare Services with PrimeCare Medical, Inc., to include the administration of vivitrol, in the amount of \$1,180.73 per dose.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Agreement with Wessel & Company to provide forensic auditing, accounting, and consulting services for the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, beginning September 26, 2019, and ending March 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the District Attorney's Office entering into an agreement with Daniel Kiss, Esquire, for the purpose of writing Appellate Court briefs, beginning September 26, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019, at a rate of \$500.00 per brief.

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:

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Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
Multiple 211980	AA	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care R&B	\$29.29 per diem				
Multiple 211980	FF	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care + Treatment	\$157.04 per diem				
Multiple 211980	DD	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care with infant	\$72.20 per diem				
Multiple 211980	CC	NHSPA Respite	\$96.80 per diem				
Multiple 211980	CA	NHSPA Respite	\$96.80 per diem				
Multiple 211980	HH	NHSPA Emergency Respite	\$125.70 per diem				
Multiple 211980	HI	NHSPA Emergency Respite	\$125.70 per diem				
Multiple 211980	BB	NHSPA Foster Care Plus	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211980	BC	NHSPA Foster Care Plus	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211980	EF	NHSPA Foster Care – Infant Add on only	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211980	BD	NHSPA Enhanced Foster Care	\$120.21 per diem				
Multiple 211980	TF	NHSPA Foster Care with Infant	\$132.91 per diem				
Multiple 211980	TG	NHSPA Foster Care with Infant	\$132.91 per diem				
Multiple 211980	N/A	NHSPA Residential – Lehigh (Girls)	\$48.05 per diem				
Multiple 211980	N/A	NHSPA Residential – Lehigh (Boys)	\$48.67 per diem				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol FY 2019-2020 Budget:

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	CONTRACTED RATE FY 2019/2020
The Learning Lamp	PREVENTION: Information Dissemination Education Alternative Activities Community-Based Process	Maximum Amount \$174,655.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service FY 2019-2020 Budget:

Timothy M. Ayres, d/b/a Timothy M. Ayres, LLC

Service Provided	Rate
Legal Representation	\$80.00 per hour
Training Facilitation	\$80.00 per training

Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc.

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
312330	FC	Foster Family Care	\$75.56 per day				
312340	CD	Community-Based Residential	\$132.64 per day				

Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc.

Cert #	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
402630	PA	Pathways Adolescent Center Residential	\$150.00 per day				
406990	PA	Pathways Adolescent Center Residential	\$150.00 per day				
416290	NB	New Beginnings Group Home	\$155.00 per day				
435970	TL	Transitional Living #2	\$145.00 per day				
437370	TL	Transitional Living #3	\$145.00 per day				
449370	NT	NB Transitional Living	\$185.00 per day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Human Services FY 2019-2020 Budget:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
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 Smith and passed unanimously.

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

SERVICE PROVIDERS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
In Touch, Ramona Ilarraza	Independent Contractor will be responsible for interpretation sessions for the Spanish language.	\$ 5,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol FY 2019-2020 Budget:

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	CONTRACTED RATE FY 2019/2020
Alternative Community Resource Program	Certified Recovery Specialist – Individual Certified Recovery Specialist – Group Prevention Education -Botvin Life Skills Training (LST)	Maximum Amount \$71,696.00 \$24.00/15 minutes (max 4.0 hours/day) \$5.50/15 minutes (max 1.0 hour/week)
Universal Community Behavioral Health	Information and Referral Services	\$64.00 per classroom session \$15.00/call

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the resignation of Larry Custer from the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority Board, effective immediately.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the appointment of Jim McCann to the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority Board, to fill an unexpired term beginning September 26, 2019, and ending December 31, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Candice Kamler, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$9.89 per hour), effective September 30, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Connie Henry, Full-Time Account Clerk I-Float for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 5-C/\$9.56 per hour), effective September 30, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Paula Teeter, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$17,927.00 annually), effective September 30, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Lisa McGrath, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$27,214.30 annually), effective September 30, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Walter Strank, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$10.05 per hour), effective September 30, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Christopher Maul, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Court, (Paygrade 47-C/\$55,358.68 annually), to Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$55,358.68 annually), effective September 30, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Jodi Geibig, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for Magistrate Price's Office, (Paygrade 11-E/\$16.15 per hour), to Full-Time Magistrate Clerk Supervisor for Magistrate Price's Office, (Paygrade 21-F/\$17.89 per hour), effective September 30, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Vanessa Kasecky, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$27,214.30 annually), effective September 28, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Christine Guerrero, Full-Time SC Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$17,550.00 annually), effective October 4, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove John Dubnansky, Full-Time Grant Facilitator for the Commissioners' Office, (Paygrade 50-F/\$58,000.02 annually), effective September 28, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Chanta McNeil, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective September 24, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cambria County Courthouse.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk