

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**November 21, 2019**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 24, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 25, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 28, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 29, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 30, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 31, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 1, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 4, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 5, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 6, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 7, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 8, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 11, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 12, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 13, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 14, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.**

Ebensburg, PA  
November 15, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA  
November 18, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA  
November 19, 2019  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA  
November 20, 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 in the Commissioners' Office at the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:05 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of October 24, 2019, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

None.

## COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Resolution:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Resolution Certifying Provision of Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance to the Cambria County Transit Authority, in the amount of \$731,151.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Ordinance:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve an Ordinance authorizing the County of Cambria to utilize its power of eminent domain to acquire property for governmental purposes and authorizing County officers and officials to take such acts that are necessary to accomplish the same, in order to assist in the completion of the Blacklick Creek Treatment Project.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Agreement with Ginger Jakubowski Appraisals to provide an appraisal of the Blacklick Creek Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$600.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Southern Alleghenies Workforce Development Area Agreement between Local Elected Officials and the Workforce Development Board.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Chief Elected Officials and Fiscal Agent Agreement with the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and the Cambria County Coroner’s Office, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for a term beginning January 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Grant No. 31458 with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to formulate a Reentry Plan for the Cambria County Prison.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

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

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

<u>VENDOR/CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CONTRACTED RATE</u> <u>FY 2019/2020</u>
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy – Program Evaluation and Research Unit	SBIRT Champion Training at Conemaugh Hospital for Maternal Addiction Resource Program	\$24,447.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve eight (8) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth FY 2019-2020 Budget:

White Deer Run, LLC dba Cove Prep

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allow Maint</u>	<u>Allow Admin</u>
408970	AA	Secure Adolescent Center	\$305.00/day				
		Diagnostic 14 Day	\$350.00/day				

John J. Kuzniak, Esquire

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Legal Representation (to include court litigation and appeals)	\$80.00/hour
Training	\$80.00/hour

Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allow Maint</u>	<u>Allow Admin</u>
355310 301400	LP	Leadership Development	\$170.27	\$20.90	\$149.37	\$140.86	\$8.51
411250 406800 411200	AI	Abraxas I	\$181.86	\$56.48	\$125.38	\$92.97	\$32.41
419760	MD	AI – Female Program	\$220.99	\$101.35	\$119.64	\$83.64	\$36.00
303970	CC	Shelter	\$301.56	\$35.66	\$265.90	\$238.57	\$27.33
355310 411190	SD	Abraxas I – Intensive Residential Program	\$307.03	\$41.70	\$265.33	\$234.48	\$30.85
310320	LO	Open Residential/Fire Setter	\$311.52	\$72.85	\$238.67	\$209.44	\$29.23
304420	CA	Fire Setter/Sex Offender	\$326.57	\$326.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
144040	AA	Abraxas Habitual Offender/Sex Offender	\$331.63	\$331.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
411200	EG	Intensive Residential	\$307.03	\$45.61	\$261.42	\$235.57	\$25.84
144050	AC	Detention	\$305.63	\$305.63	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
144060	AB	Shelter	\$301.56	\$36.45	\$265.11	\$249.33	\$15.78
143480	AD	Transitional Living	\$212.49	\$28.86	\$183.63	\$162.28	\$21.35

Pressley Ridge

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allow Maint</u>	<u>Allow Admin</u>
473810	HH	Community Residential Rehabilitation Services	\$67.73				
421800	FC	Treatment Foster Care	\$89.01			\$30.00	
332730	TD	Regular Foster Care	\$63.82			\$25.00	

Beginnings, Inc.

	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>		
	Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) – Actual expenses billed on a monthly basis.	\$130.00 per child				
	Ages & Stages Evaluation – Maximum of 12 units of service within a 10 mile radius. Greater than 10 miles, maximum of 20 units of service.	\$7.50 per 15 minute unit				
	The Incredible Years					

**KidsPeace National Centers, Inc.**

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allow Maint</u>	<u>Allow Admin</u>
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	EE	Regular Family Care	\$57.42 per diem			\$20.00	
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	BB	Specialized Foster Care	\$96.95 per diem			\$28.00	
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	AA	Intensive Foster Care	\$108.11 per diem			\$30.00	

**George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania**

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allow Maint</u>	<u>Allow Admin</u>
407960 407990 408090 408100 407970 407460 409460 408130 415630 408200 408220 408110 408180 408230 407980 407440 409760 408230 407510	RG	Regular Residential	\$173.91/day	\$36.11	\$137.80	\$118.35	\$19.45
408190 408210 415350	DA	Drug & Alcohol	\$174.78/day	\$53.23	\$121.55	\$98.62	\$22.93
408190 408210 415350	DM	Drug & Alcohol M.A.	\$78.99/day	\$.82/day	\$78.17	\$62.59	\$15.59
434670	SC	Shelter Care	\$170.47/day	\$21.85	\$148.62	\$133.84	\$14.79
407830 434670	CU	Crisis Intervention Unit	\$207.99/day	\$27.11	\$180.88	\$163.07	\$17.81
407920 408060	DX	Diagnostic	\$237.06/day	\$48.30	\$188.76	\$164.33	\$24.43
408080 408070 408020 408150 408140 408120 408060 412900 407480 423860 421370 426370 442950 443740 444500 447420 447430 408030	SN	Special Needs	\$271.03/day	\$51.68	\$219.35	\$189.96	\$29.39
441210 441220 442190	IS	Intensive Supervision Unit	\$326.36/day	\$55.57	\$270.79	\$239.80	\$30.99
408080 408070 408020 408150 408140 408120 408060 412900 407480 423860 421370 426370 442950 443740 444500 447420 447430 408030	SM	Special Needs M.A.	\$122.51/day	\$16.03	\$106.48	\$92.06	\$14.42

**The Christian Home of Johnstown, Inc.**

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allow Maint</u>	<u>Allow Admin</u>
		Independent Living Services	\$113.78/Contact				

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

**Tax Appeals:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Lowe’s Home Center, LLC, filed at No. 2018-4885.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Alletram, LLC, filed at No. 2018-4369.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Alletram, LLC, filed at No. 2018-4370.**

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

**Proposal:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposal of Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC, to perform audits of the Row Offices for years 2019, 2020, and 2021, at a rate of \$29,500.00 per year.**

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

**Appointments:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the appointment of Zach Itle and David Hegemann to the Cambria County Conservation District Board for 4-year terms, beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2023.**

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

**Reappointment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the reappointment of Thomas C. Chernisky to the Cambria County Conservation District Board for a 1-year term, beginning January 1, 2020, 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 Olivia Bridges, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Price's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$10.16 per hour), effective November 25, 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 Nikolas Daily, Full-Time Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$27,214.30 annually), effective November 25, 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 approve hiring the following individuals as Full-Time Telecommunicators for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$12.78 per hour), effective December 2, 2019. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

**Karen Wess  
Melissa Leary  
Cody Grove**

**Taylor Amsdell  
Christy Janciga  
James Kutchman**

**Brian Alexander  
Amy Kass**

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Transfers:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Shannon Yarnish, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$9.89 per hour), to Full-Time Office Manager for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 36-A/\$12.89 per hour), effective November 25, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Shanice Berry, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$19.40 per hour), effective November 17, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Carolyn Hunter, Full-Time Clerk Typist II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 15-L/\$18,996.64 annually), to Full-Time Fiscal Technician for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 30-F/\$20,650.50 annually), effective November 25, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Andrew Lubert, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$56,128.80 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$56,128.80 annually), effective November 25, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Paige Casti, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk III for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 16-A/\$11.09 per hour), to Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Court, (Paygrade 47-C/\$36,102.13 annually), effective November 25, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to transfer Victoria Kochinsky, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$15.30 per hour), to Full-Time Second Deputy for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$16.07 per hour), effective November 25, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Remove from Payroll:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Brett Smith, Part-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$29,185.52 annually), effective November 5, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky. Commissioner Smith abstained from voting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Lisa Schrifft, Full-Time Office Manager for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 36-A/\$16.42 per hour), effective November 7, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Carmelo Furnari, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$13.37 per hour), effective November 3, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Lynn Poropatich, Full-Time Court Reporter for the Courts, (Paygrade 47-K/\$30.37 per hour) effective December 28, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove William Hall, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Zanghi's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$10.16 per hour), effective November 14, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Richard Glosky, Full-Time Accountant I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-H/\$32,889.48 annually), effective November 22, 2019.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Elizabeth White, Full-Time Administrator III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 87-C/\$70,503.42 annually), effective December 31, 2019.**

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

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 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.**

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**Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk**