

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**September 13, 2018**

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 16, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 17, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 20, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 21, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 22, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 23, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 24, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 27, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 28, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 29, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 30, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
August 31, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 3, 2018**

**Courthouse closed in observance of Labor Day.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 4, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 5, 2018**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 6, 2018**

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

Ebensburg, PA  
September 7, 2018  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA  
September 10, 2018  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA  
September 11 2018  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

Ebensburg, PA  
September 12, 2018  
Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Mark J. Wissinger present.

**Commissioners in Session.**

Call to Order was made by President Commissioner Thomas C. Chernisky, in Court Room No. 1 of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, at 10:00 a.m.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Martella's Pharmacy Baseball Team.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to waive the reading of the Minutes of August 16, 2018, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

The following individuals spoke on the importance of the Cambria County Transit Authority restoring the Shared Ride Program to neighboring counties for senior citizens.

Carson Wynn  
Mary Hite  
Rep. Frank Burns  
Cecilia Farabaugh  
Ella Conigy

JoAnn Rheel  
Margaret Storm  
John DeBartola  
Joann Fisher

Dennis Tipple  
Cheryl Loughran  
Linda Miller  
Sarah Byrnes

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Resolution:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Joint Resolution with Bedford, Blair, Centre, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties naming Huntingdon County as the grant recipient for a PEMA Grant that will benefit all counties.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Cambria County SERT Agreement with East Conemaugh Borough.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve three (3) Vehicle Use Agreements between the District Attorney's Office and the FBI for Brett Hinterliter, William Hines, Jr., and Robert Fye.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Shelter Plus Care Program Subrecipient Agreement with the Greater Johnstown Landlord Association, beginning May 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2019, in an amount of \$157,856.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve the IT Service Agreement between the Cambria County Information and Technology Department and Cambria County Children & Youth.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth FY 2018-2019 Budget:

**Dennis Kashurba**

Service Provided	Rate		Title IV-E Allow	Title IV-E Unallowable
Psychological Evaluations	\$112.00/hour			
Individual/Family/Group Therapy	\$112.00/hour			
Court Testimony	\$112.00/hour			
Court Documentation	\$112.00/hour			
Consultation	\$112.00/hour			
Training Facilitation	\$112.00/training			

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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 211981	FF	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care + Treatment	\$157.04 per diem				
Multiple 211982	DD	NHSPA Therapeutic Foster Care with infant	\$72.20 per diem				
Multiple 211983	CC - CA	NHSPA Respite	\$96.80 per diem				
Multiple 211984	HH - HI	NHSPA Emergency Respite	\$125.70 per diem				
Multiple 211985	BB - BC	NHSPA Foster Care Plus	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211986	EF	NHSPA Foster Care - Infant Add on only	\$91.00 per diem				
Multiple 211987	BD	NHSPA Enhanced Foster Care	\$120.21 per diem				
Multiple 211988	TF - TG	NHSPA Foster Care with Infant	\$132.91 per diem				
215940	N/A	NHSPA Residential - Lehigh (Girls)	\$48.05 per diem				
225650	N/A	NHSPA Residential - Lehigh (Boys)	\$48.67 per diem				
		Psychiatric Evaluation by MD in Facility for a Child	\$363.00				
		Individual Psychotherapy (38-52 minutes)	\$99.00				
		Clinical Evaluation (non MD)	\$136.95				
		Office/OP visit for E&M of New or Established Patient (MD service)	\$89.10				
		Family Engagement Position #1	\$230.49 per diem				
		Family Engagement Position #2	\$193.75 per diem				

**Independent Family Services, Inc.**

Service Provided	Rate
Family-Based Mental Health Services - Behavioral Health Treatment Services including co-occurring disorders (MA eligible and upon approval).	No Charge
Trans-Disciplinary Treatment Team - Behavioral Health Treatment Services including co-occurring disorders (MA ineligible).	\$85.00/hour
In-Home Parent Support Services	\$85.00/hour
Parenting-Enhancement Services	\$85.00/hour
Family Activity-Building Services	\$85.00/hour
Community Support-Building Services	\$85.00/hour
Comprehensive Reporting Services - Includes monthly progress reports and family functionality assessment and evaluation.	\$85.00/hour
Crisis Intervention - IFS Family Resource Professionals offer 24/7 telephone coverage for CYS families in crisis. These situations can lead to traumatic and life-threatening events, if left unattended. The families that work with the IFS Family Resource Professionals often rely on the IFS worker as their first line of defense. Families are also encouraged to use local and state policy, the Cambria County Crisis Unit, and the Women's Help Center while learning to independently deal with their crises.	No Charge
Follow-Up Aftercare Services - Monthly contact with families who successfully complete an IFS program up to 12 months. Review discharge planning and assists family as necessary.	No Charge
Assessment and Evaluation Services - In-home family	\$85.00/hour

functionality assessment and baseline measurement of current functionality with report to referring agency. Maximum of 12 hours. If IFS services are initiated after the assessment and evaluation, then the evaluation results will be utilized for referred family.

<b>Batterer's Intervention Group – 26 week Duluth Model: Educational materials and presentations to males (over 18 yrs. Old) who have been involved in domestic violence situations. All participants will be charged an assessment fee of \$80 and will be charged a minimum fee of \$20 per group. Weekly groups are held in Johnstown and Ebensburg and have an open enrollment.</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Court Preparation &amp; Involvement – Court preparation and testimony as to family progress, deficiencies, and issues within the scope of the IFS program. Provide recommendations and prognoses.</b>	<b>\$85.00/hour</b>
<b>Court Reports – Detailed description of family progress and recommendations for treatment/intervention. Court notice must be provided a minimum of 15 days prior to hearing date to ensure delivery of IFS court report. Minimum charge of 1 hour, maximum charge of 2 hours.</b>	<b>\$30.00/hour</b>
<b>IFS Consultation – Face-to-Face consultation with caseworker regarding a family referred for IFS services or consultation, after services have been initiated, that has been requested by the caseworker/supervisor.</b>	<b>\$50.00/hour</b>
<b>Home Management Services</b>	<b>\$45.00/hour</b>
<b>Direct Service</b>	<b>\$45.00/hour</b>
<b>Court Testimony Fee and Preparation</b>	<b>\$45.00/hour</b>
<b>Court Report</b>	<b>\$20.00/hour</b>
<b>Consultation Fee</b>	<b>\$30.00/hour</b>
<b>Recovery Coach Direct Services</b>	<b>\$60.00/hour</b>
<b>Recovery Coach Court Preparation &amp; Testimony</b>	<b>\$60.00/hour</b>
<b>Recovery Coach Court Report</b>	<b>\$20.00/hour</b>
<b>Training – Staff training, parent training, conference trainings, and service provider training.</b>	<b>\$500.00/per day/6 hours</b>

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve three (3) Service Contracts Cambria County Area Agency on Aging FY 2018-2019 Budget:**

<u>VENDOR/CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT FY 2017-2018</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT FY 2018-2019</u>
Nutrition, Inc.	Trust and Service Agreement to Manage Senior Centers	\$875,556/year max	\$875,556/year max
Nutrition, Inc.	Provide Meals for AAA Consumers	\$2.85 primary/\$3.06 emergency	\$2.89 primary/\$3.11 emergency
Nutrition, Inc.	Leasing of Senior Centers	\$1.00/year	\$1.00/year

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI FY 2018-2019 Budget:**

<u>SERVICE PROVIDERS</u>	<u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
The Arc of Cambria County	Adult Day Care Program – A recreation/socialization program and family aid/family-driven services.	\$49,422.00
Cambria Residential Services, Inc.	Community residential rehabilitation service for Intellectual Disabilities. Utilizes normal homelike settings with emphasizes social integration.	\$370,123.00
Cambria Residential Services, Inc.	Community residential rehabilitation service for Behavioral Health. Utilizes normal homelike settings with emphasizes social integration.	\$962,521.00
Saint Francis University	Pennsylvania's Independent Monitoring Project/Advisory Board.	State set formula for allocation from Human Services 18-19 Block Grant to fulfill ODP's IM4Q program responsibilities/requirements.
Universal Community Behavioral Health	Licensed crisis intervention services.	\$300,000.00
Woods School	Intellectual Disability services of supported structured living with a residential home type.	\$388,885.60

**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 2018-2019 Budget:**

<u>VENDOR/CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CONTRACTED 18/19</u>
Twin Lakes Center - Ebensburg	Partial Hospitalization	\$19.00/hour

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

**Tax Exoneration:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2015 tax exoneration for Gerald I. McConnell, et ux., Map No. 56-093.-102.000, pursuant to the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Resignations:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the resignations of the following individuals from the Cambria County Fire Advisory Board, effective immediately:

Ed Hudak

Mark Croft

Jeff Evans

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Appointments:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Mike Sheehan to the Cambria County Fire Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointments of Christopher Cox and Darrin Smith to the Cambria County Fire Advisory Board for unexpired terms ending December 31, 2019.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Dana MacLaren, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 3-B/\$9.72 per hour), effective September 17, 2018. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Robert Mortensen, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$9.84 per hour), effective September 17, 2018. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Elizabeth Wolfe, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$48,214.92 annually), effective September 17, 2018. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wissinger and passed unanimously.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Amanda Frye, Full-Time Tax Appraiser for Tax Assessment, (Paygrade 39-C/\$11.55 per hour), effective September 24, 2018. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screenings).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Johnathan Mollette, Full-Time Aging Care Manager I for Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$26,911.54 annually), effective September 17, 2018. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screenings).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve hiring the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer Is for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$11.71 per hour), effective September 17, 2018. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screenings).**

**Brendan Appley  
Edward Migut  
Jamie Walker**

**Joseph Frontino  
Lisa Mock**

**Richard Kawtoski  
Hannah Orlosky**

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

**Transfer:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer John Ringler, Full-Time SC Clerk Typist II for Children & Youth, (Paygrade 15-L/\$19,059.56 annually), to Full-Time Fiscal Technician for Children & Youth, (Paygrade 30-F/\$20,650.50 annually), effective August 20, 2018.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Bradley Boxler, Full-Time Telecommunicator II for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$18.29 per hour), effective August 30, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Jessica Miller, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 9-E/\$11.07 per hour), effective September 1, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Vincent Mock, Full-Time Chief County Detective for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 59-D/\$45,000.00 annually), effective August 25, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Darlene Rankin, Full-Time Public Safety Administrative Clerk for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 21-J/\$15.56 per hour), effective October 31, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Matthew Hample, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$12.78 per hour), effective August 15, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Stacie Opett, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for Magistrate Price's Office, (Paygrade 11-E/\$11.39 per hour), effective September 8, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Robert Layton, Full-Time Accountant I for Children and Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-H/\$36,872.16 annually), effective September 1, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Matthew Glenn, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$19.98 per hour), effective September 16, 2018.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wissinger to remove Melissa Franko, Full-Time Second Deputy for the Recorder of Deeds, (Paygrade 48-F/\$15.78 per hour), effective October 13, 2018.**

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

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cresson Legion, 222 Ashcroft Avenue, Cresson.**

**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**