

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

January 26, 2022

Ebensburg, PA
January 13, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 14, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 17, 2022

Courthouse closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Ebensburg, PA
January 18, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 19, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 20, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 21, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 24, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 25, 2022

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 Commissioners' Meeting was called to Order by President Commissioner Chernisky, in the 2nd floor Community Room of the Richland Township Municipal Building, at 6:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola stated the following:

1. He believes the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meetings are inaccurate and should contain more information.
2. He advised that he submitted Right to Know Requests to JARI and Vision 2025. He also submitted a Right to Know Request to the County requesting a list of money paid by the County to both JARI and Vision 2025. He does not believe it's right that the County has given Vision 2025 \$90,000.00.

3. As he's stated in the past, he believes it's unethical for the Commissioners to be involved in the Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership.

Brandi Yeckley, a Caseworker at Cambria County Children & Youth Service, stated that she cannot handle the current caseload of work due to the sixteen (16) vacancies that are currently at the Agency. She believes the Agency needs more staff and better pay, as the current situations are difficult and traumatic.

Lynn Popovich, a Supervisor at Cambria County Children & Youth Service, believes the Agency is in a crisis situation. The Agency needs more staff and better wages in order to handle the current caseload. She also believes that providing better wages and staffing would be an incentive to attract new employees and keep them from leaving.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve authorizing the purchase of foreign steel, (less than 1% of purchased steel), for the 911 System Upgrade Project.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with Greater Johnstown School District, in order for the Treasurer to collect taxes on the District's behalf, at a rate of \$2.50 per parcel, beginning January 11, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with HF Lenz Company, for additional services with regard to the Courthouse Boiler and Window Replacement Project, in the amount of \$11,230.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Mission Critical Partners, LLC, for Next Generation 911 consulting services, in the amount of \$14,718.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Technical Service Agreement No. 3 with Zito Business, for phone and internet services, in the amount of \$5,267.90 monthly.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Technical Service Agreement No. 4-DRO with Zito Business, for phone and internet services at 499 Manor Drive, in the amount of \$1,007.10 monthly.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Technical Service Agreement with Zito Business, for phone and internet services at 236 Jamesway Road, in the amount of \$5,000.00, along with recurring costs in the amount of \$1,827.10 monthly.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve an Agreement with the law firm of Wagner & Finn to provide legal services with regard to personnel, labor, and workers' compensation issues, in the amount of \$55,000.00 annually, effective January 1, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve an Agreement with the law firm of Neugebauer, Swope & Swope to provide legal services with regard to tax assessments, tax claims, and tax appeals, in the amount of \$30,000.00 annually, effective January 1, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Contracts:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve three (3) Service Contract Amendments for Cambria County Children & Youth Services Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

The Bair Foundation							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
	BT	Foster Care Class BT	\$178.59/day				
		Path Services	\$96.45/hour				

Independent Family Services, Inc.	
Service Provided	Rate
Transportation (to be billed in 15-minute increments)	\$45.00/hour
Transportation Wait Time (to be billed in 15-minute increments)	\$30.00/hour
Transportation Cancellation Without 24-Hour Notice Fee	\$45.00

Pressley Ridge							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
450630	CX	Traditional/Regular Foster Care	\$74.72/day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Refunds:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a 2021 tax refund for GB Johnstown, LLC, Control No. 50-071648, in the amount of \$10,053.20, per the Court Order filed at 2020-3616.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a 2021 tax refund for Dale National Bank, c/o First Commonwealth Bank, Control No. 66-33500, in the amount of \$1,972.76, per the Court Order filed at No. 2020-3631.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith 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
22-16064	22-002. -213.000	Miltenberger, David E.	East Conemaugh Borough	2015 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
22-16307	22-011. -206.001	McGinnis, William Paul	East Conemaugh Borough	2011 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
71-120	71-001. -421.000	Bargas, Anne M.	Johnstown 1 st Ward	2005 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
79-4240	79-001. -306.000	Eckenrod, Lee	Johnstown 9 th Ward	2016 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
84-5978	84-001. -200.000	Maurer, Eugene J.	Johnstown 14 th Ward	2003 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
84-107929	84-001. -200.001	Jenkinson, Gregory F.	Johnstown 14 th Ward	2006 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.

86-6198	86-001. -418.000	Spisak, Luke V. & Barbara	Johnstown 16 th Ward	2013 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
87-10314	87-010. -205.000	Lieberum, Edward C.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2014 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
87-10726	87-013. -212.000	Nyland, Fern A.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2015 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
87-114559	87-013. -212.001	Nyland, Fern A.	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2013 through 2020 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the resignation of Dave Vitovich from the Cambria County Transit Authority Board, effective immediately.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Michael Kuzilla, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$9.84 per hour), effective February 6, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve hiring the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective February 7, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

George Lung	David Hunt	Christopher Huston
Michael Kakabar	Christian Roberts	Tyler Gulash

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve hiring the following individuals as Full-Time Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective February 7, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Gene Pugliese	Haley Stiles	Miranda Gindlesperger
Jylian Auger	Chalsy McQuillen	

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Andrew Bottolfson, Full-Time Title Abstractor I/Account Clerk for the Tax Claim Bureau, (Paygrade 23-A/\$10.94 per hour), effective February 7, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Ronald George, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.62 per hour), effective February 1, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Austin Vasilinda, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective January 19, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Antoinette Salyer, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 43-C/\$30,081.48 annually), effective February 5, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Wallace Litzinger, Full-Time Correctional I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective January 24, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Joseph Fogle, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.56 per hour), effective January 22, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Linda Holler, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$14.16 per hour), effective January 29, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Corrections:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve correcting the salary of Andrew Lubert, Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, from (Paygrade 43-C/\$58,528.86 annually), to (Paygrade 43-C/\$59,528.82 annually), effective January 22, 2022. (Resignation was originally approved at the January 13, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve correcting the salary of Michael Beblar, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, from (Paygrade 35-B/\$23.31 per hour), to (Paygrade 35-B/\$23.69 per hour), effective January 3, 2022. (Transfer was originally approved at the December 23, 2021, Commissioners' Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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