

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

March 16, 2022

**Ebensburg, PA
February 23, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 24, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 25, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 28, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 1, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 2, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 3, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 4, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 7, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 8, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 9, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 10, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 11, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 14, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 15, 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 Community Room of the Conemaugh East Hills Medical Building, 1450 Scalp Avenue, Johnstown, at 6:07 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held February 23, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Lynn Popovich, Kristin Caro, Laura Gellner, Brandon King, Sr., Ben Mostoller, Cara Ringler, Alex Ciotti, Betzi White, John DeBartola, Robin Kretz, Lindsay Braunbann, and Becky Lanzendorfer spoke about the current starting wages of Cambria County Children & Youth workers and the need for better wages in order to fill the current vacancies in the Agency.

Philip Bayush spoke regarding Gay Pride Month.

COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve authorizing Lisa Crynock, Cambria County Prothonotary, to enter into an Agreement with AllPaid, for the processing of credit card payments.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve ratifying the purchase of property located at 236 Jamesway Road, Ebensburg, Tax Map No. 08-20.-124.000, based on the new survey.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve authorizing Cambria County BH/ID & EI to seek requests for proposals for services related to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for fiscal year 2021 funds, under the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program, for the County along with an application on behalf of Adams, Cambria, Cresson, and Jackson Townships, in the amounts of \$354,046.00 and \$425,158.00, respectively.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a Resolution certifying the 2021 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Preparedness Report (HMERP).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Amendment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Modification of the Intergovernmental Agreement, Agreement No. 68-02-0113, with the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service, with regard to housing inmates at the Cambria County Prison.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding, No. PEMA 2021-159, in the amount of \$417,384.94, for a term beginning August 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Technical Services Agreement with the Greater Johnstown Landlord Association for GIS Services.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

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

Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
355310	CC	South Mountain Shelter Program – Effective February 1, 2022	\$361.50/day				

National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d.b.a. Pennsylvania MENTOR							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
217630	RB	Community Residential Rehab Room and Board	\$14.69/day				

Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc.	
Service Provided	Rate
Diagnostic Program for Delinquent & Dependent Youth	\$3,000.00/youth

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Skills of Central PA, Inc.	To provide adult development training program and drop-in center.	From \$ 256,087.00 To \$ 266,055.65

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Country Manor Senior Care	Provide temporary housing of protective services, ambulatory and non-ambulatory, clients.	\$ 20,000.00 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

PA Child Corporation							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
329520 329510 329700	BB	Foster Family Class BB Level 2	\$107.24/day				
329520 329510 329700	CC	Foster Family Class CC Level 3	\$156.01/day				
329520 329510 329700	EE	Foster Family Class EE Level 5	\$145.81/day				
329520 329510 329700	FF	Foster Family Class FF Level 6	\$178.97/day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Cambria County Transit Authority	Annual renew of non-profit bus ad.	\$ 8,400.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the resignation of Delores Zatorsky from the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, effective immediately.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Appointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Gary Kozak to the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning April 2, 2022, and ending December 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Lisa Mays to the Cambria County Planning Commission Board, for a 4-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Melissa Komar to the Cambria County Planning Commission Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning March 16, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Reappointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing June Fether and Nickole George to the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for 3-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve reappointing Danae Koss and Eric Wolf to the Cambria County Planning Commission Board, for 4-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Proposal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposal of Fugro USA Land, Inc., of Frederick, Maryland, for the Cambria County Next Generation 911 GIS Update and Realignment Project, in an amount not to exceed \$360,525.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt 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:

<u>CONTROL NO.</u>	<u>MAP NO.</u>	<u>ASSESSED NAME</u>	<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>EXONERATE</u>
35-17391	35-006.-201.000	Smith, Katherine	Lilly Borough, 1 st Ward	Property taken by PennDOT. Strike off.
62-119533	62-018.-424.000	Nittany Valley Holdings, LLC	Upper Yoder Township	2021 taxes. Inactive parcel.
16-116946	16-001.-000.034	UMH Sales & Finance	Cresson Township	2021 taxes. Strike off. Trailer removed.
30-117929	30-011.-000.091	Zack, William	Gallitzin Borough	2020-2021 taxes. Strike off. Trailer removed.
34-58959	34-007.-110.000	Greater Johnstown Water Authority	Jackson Township	Exempt.
76-1281	76-004.-103.000	Michuk, Michael J. & Tina L.	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2021 taxes. Sold at August 2021 Private Sale.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Allaina Long, Full-Time Account Clerk I/Float for the Recorder of Deeds' Office, (Paygrade 5-C/\$9.91 per hour), effective March 21, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Georgianne Matava, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$11.59 per hour), effective March 28, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Jonathan Kutchman, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$15.00 per hour), effective March 21, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Heaven Wiley, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective March 28, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Brett Gromley, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective March 28, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Thomas Anderson, Full-Time Veterans' Affairs Representative for Veterans' Services, (Paygrade 23-B/\$11.29 per hour), effective March 21, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Dena Baker, Full-Time Account Clerk I/Float for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 5-C/\$9.91 per hour), effective March 14, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Maddalena Hildebrand, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$18,837.00 annually), effective March 28, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Brady Skibo, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective April 18, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Erin Au, Per-Diem Vector Control Technician for Vector Control, (Paygrade 26-C/\$15.00 per hour), effective April 4, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer George Lung, 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/\$20.95 per hour), effective March 20, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Taylor Lefferts, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$11.49 per hour), to Full-Time Tax Appraiser I for the Tax Assessment Office, (Paygrade 39-C/\$12.55 per hour), effective March 21, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Tyler Gulash, 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/\$20.95 per hour), effective March 20, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Christopher Huston, 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/\$20.95 per hour), effective March 20, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Craig Descavish, Full-Time Second Deputy Warden for the Prison, (Paygrade 72-G/\$61,424.74 annually), to Full-Time First Deputy Warden for the Prison, (Paygrade 73-C/\$64,365.60 annually), effective April 9, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Nichole Duncan, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$19,583.20 annually), effective March 26, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Margo Hoover, Full-Time Conference Officer for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 47-A/\$59,189.78 annually), effective March 5, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Gene Pugliese, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective March 9, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Nathan Knopp, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.98 per hour), effective March 20, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove William Patterson, Full-Time First Deputy Warden for the Prison, (Paygrade 73-C/\$64,365.60 annually), effective April 8, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Gary Kozak, Full-Time Accountant I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-H/\$47,055.06 annually), effective April 2, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Robert Jacobson, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective March 14, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2022, in the Ed Room at the Discovery Center, 201 Sixth Avenue, Johnstown, 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