

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

May 26, 2022

Ebensburg, PA  
May 12, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 13, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 16, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 17, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 18, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 19, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 20, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 23, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 24, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 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 Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held May 12, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

John DeBartola voiced concerns about Cambria County Children & Youth Caseworkers as well as the Cambria County Planning Commission providing healthcare to Ethan Imhoff for three (3) months after his last day of work.

## COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Dave Huber as Cambria County’s liaison with regard to America250PA.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Tax Claim Bureau’s Application to Stay Upset Tax Sale Form.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Amendments:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Amendment to the existing Agreement with L.R. Kimball for architectural and engineering services for renovations at the Johnstown Senior Center, at the following prices:

Phase I – New Food Storage Room	\$28,500.00
Phase II – Existing Dining Room Renovations	\$19,400.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Amendment to the existing Agreement with L.R. Kimball for sewage lateral work for various County facilities in the Downtown Johnstown area to allow for work by an affiliate engineer.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the First Amendment to Contract No. C000066182 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, amending the termination date of the Agreement to be December 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Agreement:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with H.F. Lenz to provide engineering services for renovations at the Jamesway Road Building, at a fixed rate of \$50,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

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

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
Peer Empowerment Network	Provider will oversee the Consumer Support Program which helps to better the lives of the mentally ill and their families within Cambria County.	From \$ 174,000.00 To \$ 182,951.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Penn Cambria School District	SAP Training Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00 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 BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services	PA DHS will make payments to Cambria County in two (2) yearly installments to provide overall quality of life of individuals residing at the Ebensburg Center, with ID, through the Independent Monitoring for Quality Program from 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2026.	\$ 11,000.00 per state fiscal year

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Rebecca Koren	Ombudsman	\$ 25.00 per hour not to exceed \$37,700.00 annually
John D. Messina, Esquire	Legal Services	\$ 75.00 per hour not to exceed \$12,000.00 annually

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt 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 fees assessed against:

CONTROL NO.	MAP NO.	ASSESSED NAME	MUNICIPALITY	EXONERATE
78-3488	78-032-.317.000	Plack, Richard M. & Jacquelyn E.	Johnstown 18 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2021 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
83-5773	83-004-.306.000	Haselrig Walter Wyatt & Hawkins, Andrew Austin Wyatt	Johnstown 13 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2021 taxes. Sold at 8/13/21 Private Sale.
48-119482	48-051-.000.099	Williams, Robert	Portage Township	2008 taxes. Sold at 2019 Judicial Sale.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Malia Kutchman, Per-Diem Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-C/\$9.85 per hour), effective May 31, 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 Lorena Golias, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$18,837.00 annually), effective May 31, 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 Daniel Szekeresh, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$10.44 per hour), effective June 6, 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 Hunt to transfer Ashley Smith, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$13.82 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$15.24 per hour), effective May 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Lori Moschgat, Full-Time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 45-A/\$44,988.32 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$42,738.90 annually), effective June 6, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Tara Brunnet, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 5-B/\$10.90 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk I/Float for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 3-H/\$10.56 per hour), effective May 30, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to transfer Bonita Himes, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$20,758.66 annually), to Full-Time Social Services Aide I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-V/\$22,425.00 annually), effective May 31, 2022.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Paul Lubert, Full-Time Lead Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 21-K/\$16.19 per hour), effective June 1, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Donna Hill, Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$14.21 per hour), effective May 18, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Christian Roberts, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective May 13, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Estella Persio, Per-Diem Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-C/\$9.85 per hour), effective May 31, 2022.**

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

**Rescind:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of Kassandra Little, Full-Time Case Management Specialist Trainee for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 41-G/\$28,914.30 annually), effective May 31, 2022. (Action originally taken at the May 12, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of Jamie Hockenberry, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$28,914.30 annually), effective May 18, 2022. (Action originally taken at the April 28, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting).**

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

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Duman Lake County Park, Pavilion No. 10, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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**Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk**