

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

June 9, 2022

Ebensburg, PA  
May 26, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 27, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
May 30, 2022

Courthouse closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Ebensburg, PA  
May 31, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 1, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 2, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 3, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 6, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 7, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA  
June 8, 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, at Duman Lake County Park, Pavilion No. 10, Ebensburg, at 10:05 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held May 26, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Philip Bayush thanked the Commissioners, on behalf of the LGTB+ community, for the Proclamation and for proclaiming the month of June as LGTBQ+ Pride Month.

John DeBartola advised the Commissioners that there would be a town hall meeting at the Greater Johnstown School regarding school violence and that all elected officials are invited to attend. He also stated that he believes the County lost Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) money due

to mismanagement of the program, and he again questioned Ethan Imhoff receiving medical benefits for three (3) months after his employment ended with the Cambria County Planning Commission.

Gene Hauze stated that he believes American Rescue Funds should be spent at Duman Lake Park.

Proclamations were presented for Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week and LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

## COMMISSIONERS

### Release:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Full and Final Release with Christy L. Janciga.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a compliance Resolution with regard to the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project grant to be used for the Public Safety Radio System Upgrade Project.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Amendment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Amendment to the existing Agreement with L.R. Kimball for architectural and engineering services to allow for updated ADA renovations of the restrooms at the Central Park Complex, at a fixed rate of \$48,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

### Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Maintenance Agreement with the Cambria County Transit Authority at the following rates:

Labor	\$43.04 per hour
Administrative Fee	10%
Car Wash	\$6.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement between Lamar Companies and the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, for advertising, in the amount of \$1,925.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, beginning July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement between Nutrition, Inc., and the Cambria County Prison, for food preparation, delivery, and service of lunches, at a cost of \$3.80 per lunch.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Merchant Processing Agreement between Merrick Bank and the Cambria County Recorder of Deeds Office, to allow for credit card payments.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with the 1023 Group to provide accounting services with regard to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, beginning June 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with Ken Trinkley to provide wastewater treatment operations at Duman Lake County Park, beginning June 1, 2022, and ending October 31, 2022, at a rate of \$1,000.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Cambria Heights School District	Vaping Detector Reimbursement	\$8,080.00
Admiral Perry Vocational School	Vaping Detector Reimbursement	\$12,846.00
Westmont Hilltop School District	Vaping Detector Reimbursement	\$6,368.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Gary F. Vitko, Esquire

Service Provided	Rate
Legal Representation	\$90.00/hour
Legal Consultation	\$90.00/hour
Staff Training	\$90.00/hour

**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 two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Sinclair Television of Fresno, LLC, d/b/a WJAC-TV	Broadcast Commercials and Sponsorship Ads	\$39,000.00
Forever Media	Radio Broadcast Commercials	\$67,600.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve four (4) Service Contracts for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
ADT, LLC	Provide medical alert personal emergency response systems to AAA clients.	\$20,000.00 max
Cambria County Transit Authority	Provide accessible, affordable transportation to residents of Cambria County, age 65 and older.	\$220,000.00 max
Information Age Technologies, Inc.	Computer technical assistance.	\$10,000.00 max
Resta Home Health	Personal Care Home Support	\$17.25 per hour \$17.25 per hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Change Order:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Change Order No. 1 of Marc-Service, Inc., for the HVAC Upgrade at the Cambria County Prison, in the amount of \$13,551.50, to provide chase for ductwork.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Proposal:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve accepting the proposal of the Sustainable Energy Fund to serve as the third-party program administrator with regard to the Cambria County Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Bids:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the bid of Allegheny Installations Company, Inc., for the Prison Kitchen Floor Replacement Project, in the amount of \$186,750.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the bid of Laurel Management Company, for sanitary sewer lateral compliance testing at the 1<sup>st</sup> Summit Arena at the Cambria County War Memorial, in the amount of \$47,575.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Tax Exoneration:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve exonerating taxes, penalties, and fees assessed, from 1989 through 2013, against Tax Map No. 76-003.-125.000, in the amount of \$10,060.05, which is now owned by the City of Johnstown, a tax-exempt entity.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Matthias Balliet, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective June 13, 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 Arthur Crum, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective June 13, 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 Jude Launi, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective June 13, 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 Tierra Shipley, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective June 13, 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 Lauren Darbouze, Part-Time Legal Counselor for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 000-D/\$7,500.00 annually), effective June 27, 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 Brent Michlena, Full-Time Human Resources Generalist for Human Resources, (Paygrade 20-P/\$14.36 per hour), effective June 20, 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 Meghan Sapp, Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$36,102.13 annually), effective June 20, 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 Michelle Burkey, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 3-H/\$10.56 per hour), effective June 20, 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 Sherri Yeckley, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.56 per hour), effective June 20, 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 James Evanicsko, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$10.00 per hour), effective June 20, 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 Zoe Plouse, Per-Diem Account Clerk I for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 5-L/\$9.75 per hour), effective June 20, 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 Michael Kakabar, 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 June 12, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Kurt Wolford, Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$53,337.70 annually), to Full-Time Captain of Security for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-A/\$57,561.40 annually), effective June 12, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Richard Huyler, Full-Time Maintenance Worker II/Voting Machine Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 16-B/\$11.62 per hour), to Full-Time Information System Specialist, (Paygrade 41-H/\$28,914.30 annually), effective June 13, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Karen Cavallo, Full-Time Telecommunicator III for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$25.11 per hour), to Full-Time Telecommunicator III/TAC Officer for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 38-C/\$26.37 per hour), effective June 13, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Janelle Sisco, Full-Time Assistant Payroll Coordinator for Human Resources, (Paygrade 25-B/\$15.09 per hour), to Full-Time Human Resources Specialist for Human Resources, (Paygrade 21-B/\$15.82 per hour), effective June 20, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Sabrina Kirsch, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer II for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 11-B/\$11.64 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$12.04 per hour), effective June 13, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Casey Coll, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$13.04 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$13.69 per hour), effective June 13, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Izaak Gray, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), to Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$36,102.13 annually), effective June 20, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Michael Stolz, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$12.17 per hour), to Full-Time Lead Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 21-K/\$13.25 per hour), effective June 27, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Erin Jansure, Full-Time Head Clerk for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 28-B/\$14.80 per hour), to Full-Time First Deputy for the Recorder of Deeds' Office, (Paygrade 49-A/\$36,000.00 annually), effective June 20, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Amber Williams, Full-Time Special Assistant to the District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 60-C/\$31,118.36 annually), to Full-Time**

**Special Assistant to the District Attorney/Office Manager for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 60-D/\$36,000.00 annually), effective June 13, 2022.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Cole Funk, Per-Diem Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), effective June 6, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Tonilyn Chippie Kargo, Part-Time Legal Counselor for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 000-D/\$7,500.00 annually), effective June 15, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Haley Stiles, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective June 1, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Michael Hautz, Full-Time Information System Specialist for Technology, (Paygrade 41-H/\$56,729.66 annually), effective June 25, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Alexander Gardini, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.98 per hour), effective June 10, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Megan Bradley, Full-Time First Deputy for the Recorder of Deeds' Office, (Paygrade 49-A/\$38,408.76 annually), effective May 28, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Denise Pribish, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-C/\$30,885.14 annually), effective June 11, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Connie Stutzman, Full-Time Clerk Typist II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-L/\$21,796.58 annually), effective June 18, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Cecelia St. Clair, Full-Time Fiscal Officer II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 45-D/\$34,509.80 annually), effective June 21, 2022.**

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

**Correction:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve correcting the Agreement for legal services for the Area Agency on Aging originally approved for John D. Messina, Esquire. Services will be provided by Joseph D. Messina, Esquire. (Action originally taken at the May 26, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting).**

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

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Miners Medical Center, Administration Large Conference Room, 290 Haida Avenue, Hastings, 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.**

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**Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk**