

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

July 21, 2022

Ebensburg, PA
July 7, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 8, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 11, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 12, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 13, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 14, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 15, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 18, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 19, 2022

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

Ebensburg, PA
July 20, 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 the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site Picnic Area, at 10:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held July 7, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

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Commissioner Hunt made a motion to amend the Agenda and vote on using American Rescue Funds and Office of Children & Youth Families state funding to fund retention and recruitment bonuses for Children & Youth caseworkers, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid in 3 installments, with 80% of the funding coming from state funding, and 20% coming from American Rescue Funds. American Rescue Funds would also be used to fund retention bonuses for all other current County employees, excluding elected officials and Children & Youth caseworkers, with full-time employees receiving a one-time bonus of \$1,000.00, and part-time and per-diem employees receiving a one-time bonus of \$500.00. All terms were set forth in a proposal.

There was no second motion.

Mileage:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve changing the County mileage reimbursement rate to be equal to the IRS and the State mileage reimbursement rates, \$.625 per mile, effective July 1, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority with regard to constructing a 1.5-mile segment to the Ghost Town Trail, between Nanty Glo Borough and Blacklick Township.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Service Agreement with Zito Business for installation of an Ethernet private line at 401 Candlelight Drive, Ebensburg, in the amount of \$12,500.00, with a monthly recurring charge of \$1,300.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Communications Commission, through the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, regarding Wireless Emergency Alerts, (WEA).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Collaboration Research Agreement with ATA, LLC, with regard to Flight Information Exchange, (FIX).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, in the amount of \$12,841.00, for a term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending July 30, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve two (2) Service Contract Amendments for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Kids First Affiliated Services	To provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy including any special instructions for the Early Intervention Program.	From: \$35,000.00 To: \$50,000.00
accessAbilities, Inc.	accessAbilities will provide occupational, physical, and speech therapy, along with special instruction, including special instruction for nutrition in regards to Cambria County's Early Intervention Program.	From: \$5,000.00 To: \$9,500.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

Speak Write

Service Provided	Rate
General Transcription	\$.015 per word
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Spanish Translation	\$9.00 per audio minute

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Beginnings, Inc.	To provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy including any special instructions and social work for the Early Intervention Program.	\$200,000.00
Kids First Affiliated Services	To provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy including any special instructions for the Early Intervention Program.	\$65,000.00
Peer Empowerment Network	Consumer Drop-in Center, which promotes consumer participation in meetings, task forces, and/or committees.	\$174,000.00
Service Access & Management, Inc.	To provide support coordination to individuals of Cambria County in accordance to ODP Support Coordination Services Bulletin #00-10-06.	\$5,000.00
Stepping Stones, LLC	Supported structured living arrangement with a personal care boarding home-type structure, (24/7 care).	\$417,151.00
Mental Health Resource of Central PA	Long-term structure residence primarily for transition from Torrance State Hospital.	\$1,193,404.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Armstrong County Memorial Hospital	Level 4.0 WM – Medically-Managed Intensive Inpatient	\$766.11/day
Gaudenzia, Inc. Crossroads	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient	\$395.00/day \$319.00/day \$236.00/day
Dr. Daniel Snow Halfway House	Level 3.1 Halfway House	\$145.00/day
Community House	Level 3.1 Halfway House – Women/Women with Children	\$215.00/day
House of Healing	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential	\$364.00/day
Common Ground	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential	\$194.00/day \$275.00/day
Concept 90 Vantage House	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential – Women with Children Level 3.1 Halfway House for Women with Children	\$275.00/day \$171.00/day
New Destiny Fountain Springs	Level 3.1 Halfway House for Women with Children Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential – Women with Children	\$292.00/day \$210.00/day
Re-Entry House	Level 3.1 Halfway House	\$251.00/day \$150.54/day
SpiritLife, Inc.	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Residential	\$292.00/day \$213.00/day
Pinnacle Treatment Center d/b/a Alliance Medical Services, Inc.	Methodone Maintenance Intensive Outpatient Drug-Free Outpatient – Individual Drug-Free Outpatient – Group Suboxone and Vivitrol Services	\$95.00/week \$13.50/day \$24.00/hour \$60.00/hour \$20.00/hour
Firetree, Ltd.	Intake/Physical/Evaluation Evaluation Follow-up Medical Follow-up Urinalysis Vivitrol Injection	\$175.00 \$95.00 \$80.00 \$5.00 Actual cost as verified by pharmacy.
Conewago Indiana Conewago Place Conewago Pottsville Conewago Snyder New Way of Life Indiana New Way of Life Snyder	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient Halfway House - Male Halfway House - Male	\$228.00/day \$233.00/day \$246.00/day \$220.00/day \$124.00/day \$151.00/day
White Deer Run Allenwood	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring	\$345.00/day \$299.00/day \$303.00/day
Cove Forge-Williamsburg	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring Partial Hospitalization	\$324.00/day \$270.00/day \$313.00/day \$322.00/day \$139.00/day
Lancaster	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$327.00/day

New Perspectives	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient	\$276.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring	\$324.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$276.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient	\$233.00/day
York – Davies Drive	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring	\$255.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$354.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient	\$298.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring	\$381.00/day
York – Mount Zion Rd.	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$292.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient	\$309.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring	\$240.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$269.00/day
Lehigh County Center for Recovery	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient	\$339.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring	\$290.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$257.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High Intensity Inpatient - Co-Occurring	\$257.00/day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve four (4) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

The Learning Lamp, Inc.

Service Provided	Rate
Strengthening Families Program	\$83.85/hour. Not to exceed \$52,094.00.

Pressley Ridge

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
421800 434260 332730 450630	FC	Treatment Foster Care	\$103.76/day				
421800 434260 332730 450630	TD	Traditional/ Regular Foster Care	\$75.04/day				
421800 434260 332730 450630	CX	Traditional/ Regular Foster Care	\$74.72/day				

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Professional Family Care Services, Inc.

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Maint	Admin
331020	FF	Foster Care Services	\$70.00/day		
331020	II	Minor Parent and Child Foster Care	\$98.51/day		
326080		Family Group Decision-Making Successful Conference: A family that has been referred for a FGDM conference in which a conference is coordinated and facilitated with nuclear family, extended family, and/or identified supports of the family and has an approved plan, (max 30 hours).	\$2,500.00 Maximum of \$3,000.00 per conference, with County approval for identified extraordinary expense (i.e. out of town travel and/or lodging).		
326080		Family Group Decision-Making Successful Referral: A family that has been referred for a FGDM conference in which coordination activities have occurred that directly correlate to the FGDM referral but does not result in a family conference, (max 10 hours).	\$1,000.00		
326080		Family Group Decision-Making Unsuccessful Referral: A family that has been referred for a FGDM conference that does not result in any new engagement/activities due to a lack of engagement by the nuclear family and/or extended family members, (max 3 hours).	\$250.00		
		Family Group Decision-Making Follow-Up Conference	\$500.00		
		Emergency Caregiver Assessment: When the process ends following the assessment/SWAN withdrawal.	\$50.00/hour		
		Visit Coaching	\$12.50/ 15-minute unit		
		Ages & Stages Evaluation: Maximum of 12 units of service, within a 10 mile radius, greater than 10 miles, maximum 20 units of service.	\$9.77/15-minute unit		
313790		Adoption Services (SWAN Affiliate Agency)	As defined by the State		
		Family Profile	\$2,500.00 (after SWAN funds depleted)		
		Child Profile	\$2,000.00 (after SWAN funds depleted)		
		Child Preparation	\$2,000.00 (after SWAN funds depleted)		
		Child-Specific Recruitment	\$3,000.00 (after SWAN funds depleted)		
		Permanency Court Conference	\$1,000.00		
		IL Service Plan Meeting	\$500.00		
		Family Service Plan Conference	\$500.00		

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Emergency Repair:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the emergency repair of a fire hydrant that needed replaced, in front of the Cambria County Prison, by Laurel Management Company, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$15,185.17.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Bid:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the bid of Kev’s Excavating, LLC, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for the West Branch Susquehanna River Streambank Stabilization Project, in the amount of \$109,513.80.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

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

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the appointment of Dr. David Lehman to the Cambria County Transit Authority Board, to fill an unexpired term beginning July 21, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund, due to an escrow payment error, to First National Bank, for Control No. 55-117488, in the amount of \$1,020.16.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund to Chirman Beatty, 525 Elknud Lane, Johnstown, Control No. 066-034374, in the amount of \$2,386.05, due to disabled veteran status.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Exoneration:

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
68-225024	68-014.-119.133	Eaton, Shane	White Township	2020-2021 taxes. Strike-off per Tax Assessment. Wood deck removed.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Trevor Dennehey, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$50,903.16 annually), effective August 15, 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 hire Michael Hautz, Per-Diem Information System Specialist for Technology, (Paygrade 40-H/\$29.09 per hour), effective beginning July 25, 2022, and ending September 30, 2022. (Maximum of 15 hours per week). (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 hire Tammy St. Clair, Full-Time Booking Center/Records Clerk for the Prison, (Paygrade 9-U/\$12.65 per hour), effective July 18, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made Commissioner Hunt to hire Christine Wagner, Part-Time Van Driver for Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 9-J/\$10.44 per hour), effective August 22, 2022. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Joseph Frontino, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.98 per hour), to Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$48,844.64 annually), effective July 17, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Matthias Balliet, 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 July 17, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Lawrence Goetz, Full-Time Aging Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$31,360.42 annually), to Full-Time Aging Care Manager III for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 45-B/\$32,928.44 annually), effective July 25, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Diane Myers, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-C/\$33,830.16 annually), to Full-time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$33,830.16 annually), effective August 1, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Monica Rudolph, Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$22.66 per hour), effective August 10, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Tracey Rocus, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk II for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 12-A/\$11.53 per hour), effective July 21, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Maranda Gindlesperger, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective June 30, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Emilee Henn, Per-Diem Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$11.11 per hour), effective July 12, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jude Launi, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective July 10, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Sherry Appley, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$21,385.00 annually), effective August 2, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove James Hoffman, Full-Time Maintenance Supervisor for the Prison, (Paygrade 35-E/\$48,225.32 annually), effective August 2, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Elizabeth Bolton-Penna, Per-Diem DUI Instructor for the Courts, (Paygrade 32-W/\$100.00 per class), effective July 18, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Elizabeth Bolton-Penna, Full-Time Assistant District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 48-L/\$66,602.90 annually), effective July 7, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Michelle Rager, Full-Time Administrator for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 87-C/\$70,503.42 annually), effective July 30, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Mark Stephens, Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$32,293.04 annually), effective August 9, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Carolyn Hunter, Full-Time Fiscal Technician for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 30-F/\$24,548.16 annually), effective July 30, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Amend:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to amend the salary of Cassandra Helsel, Full-Time Executive Assistant for the Courts, (49-B/\$34,294.26 annually) to (Paygrade 49-B/\$36,000.00 annually), effective July 11, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at Rock Run, 1228 Saint Lawrence Road, Patton, 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