

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

September 8, 2022

**Ebensburg, PA
August 18, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 19, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 22, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 23, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 24, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 25, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 26, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 29, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 30, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
August 31, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
September 1, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
September 2, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
September 5, 2022**

Courthouse closed in observance of Labor Day.

**Ebensburg, PA
September 6, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
September 7, 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, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

COMMISSIONERS

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. September 6, 2022, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. September 6, 2022, meeting with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve providing matching funds, in the amount of \$12,500.00, to Alleghenies Broadband, Inc., for a county-wide fiber optic study.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Allocations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve allocations for the following organizations and in the following amounts:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Not to Exceed</u>
Cambria County Library System	Building Improvements	\$1,250,000.00
Brownstown Borough	Storm Water Management	\$30,175.00
Greater Johnstown Water Authority	Westmont Waterline Relocation	\$50,000.00
Southmont Borough	Cheney Run Stream Project	\$64,254.00
National Park Service	9/11 Trail	\$50,000.00
Bottle Works	Pavilion/Tulip Building Renovations	\$250,000.00
Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art	Building Improvements	\$35,000.00
United Way of the Laurel Highlands	PA 211 System	\$18,000.00
Hope Fire Company	New Fire Station	\$300,000.00
The Arts Futures Fund	Arts and Cultural Grant	\$100,000.00
Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation	Firefighters' Memorial Trail	\$850,000.00
South Fork Historical Society	Through Town and Time Project	\$65,000.00
Berwind Wayside Festival Park	Kitchens and Pavilion Project	\$12,000.00
Johnstown Area Heritage Association	Johnstown Flood Museum Project	\$125,000.00
Portage Municipal Authority	Bens Creek Impoundment Project	\$26,910.00
Cambria County Industrial Development Authority	Operational Support	\$75,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to amend the above allocation list to remove the allocation being provided to Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation for the Firefighters' Memorial Trail project, in the amount of \$850,000.00.

There was not a second motion. The original motion was passed unanimously.

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2022 Fair Housing Resolution.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a Resolution allowing for an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the 2023 Highway Safety grant.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC, to provide auditing services for the Prison Canteen Fund, the Adult Probation Intermediate Punishment Unit, Clerk of Courts, Prothonotary's Office, Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, the Prison Resident's Fund, and the Sheriff's Office, for the following years and amounts:

2022	\$30,000.00
2023	\$30,500.00
2024	\$31,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Advertising Contract between the Cambria County Transit Authority and the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, in the amount of \$1,540.14.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Electronic Recording Memorandum of Understanding between eRecording Partners Network, LLC, and the Cambria County Recorder of Deeds Office, to allow for the electronic filing of documents.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority with regard to the administration of a Multimodal Grant, in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, to be used for a KOZ access road at the Airport.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement between Remembering Adam, Inc., and the Cambria County Prison to provide substance abuse prevention education sessions for the male and female populations at the Prison, beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$12,600.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with Summerill to negotiate a per-diem rate with the U.S. Marshals Service for housing inmates at the Cambria County Prison.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with the Federal Communications Commission, the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Office, and the National Park Service for the construction of a communications tower on Frankstown Road, South Fork, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County Human Services Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
1023 Group, Inc.	Provide support and services for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, (ERAP).	\$65.00 per hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Human Services Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
The Nutrition Group, Inc.	Provider shall offer primary and emergency meals to eligible adult clients, as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements.	\$45,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Description of Services	Rate
Woods School	Intellectual disability services of supported structured living with a residential home-type setting.	\$449,550.64

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
UHS of Pennsylvania, Inc., d/b/a Roxbury Treatment Center	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$283.00
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$254.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient – Co-Occurring	\$264.00/day
Martella’s Pharmacies	Physician and Pharmacy	Average wholesale price per prescription.
Martella’s Pharmacy - Park Hill	Physician and Pharmacy	Average wholesale price per prescription.
Mainline Pharmacy	Physician and Pharmacy	Average wholesale price per prescription.
Mainline Pharmacy-Ebensburg	Physician and Pharmacy	Average wholesale price per prescription.
3JB, LLC	Physician and Pharmacy	Average wholesale price per prescription.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve eight (8) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

KidsPeace National Centers, Inc.							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	EE	Regular Family Care – 10-18 Years	\$66.84 per diem			\$25.00	
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	BB	Specialized Foster Care	\$104.51 per diem			\$28.00	
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	AA	Intensive Foster Care – 0-9 Years	\$112.00 per diem			\$30.00	
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	DD	Regular Family Care 0-9 Years	\$61.84 per diem			\$20.00	

Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc.							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
402630	PA	Pathways Adolescent Center	\$158.00 per day				
406990	PA	Pathways Adolescent Center	\$158.00 per day				
416290	NB	New Beginnings	\$165.00 per day				
435970	TL	Transitional Living #2	\$155.00 per day				
437370	TL	Transitional Living #3	\$155.00 per day				
449370	NT	NB Transitional Living	\$185.00 per day				
		Diagnostic Program for Delinquent and Dependent Youth	\$3,000.00 per youth				

Children’s Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc.							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
312330	FC	Foster Family Care	\$80.09 per day				
312340	CD	Community-Based Residential	\$141.93 per day				

Community Specialists Corporation d/b/a The Academy

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
401650	SH	New Outlook Academy General Residential	\$267.80 per day				
401650	NM	New Outlook Academy Inpatient Drug & Alcohol	\$342.99 per day				
401650	SP	New Outlook Academy Shelter Care	\$337.00 per day				
401650	SS	New Outlook Academy Specialized Settings	\$350.00 per day				

Bethesda Children's Home d/b/a Bethesda Lutheran Services

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
431900	PH	Petersen Home	\$218.90 per day			\$25.33	
431900	BB	Foster Care Class BB	\$61.62 per day			\$35.00	
431900	DD	Foster Care Class DD	\$66.56 per day			\$40.00	
431900	FF	Foster Care Class FF	\$77.02 per day			\$41.00	
431900	HH	Foster Care Class HH	\$82.02 per day			\$46.00	
431900	JJ	Foster Care Class JJ	\$122.60 per day			\$35.00	
431900	LL	Foster Care Class LL	\$127.60 per day			\$40.00	
431900	OO	Foster Care Class OO	\$126.28 per day			\$75.00	

George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
407960 408090 407460 409460 408130 415630 408200 408220 408110 408180 408230 407980 409760 408230 407510 407900 4094460	RG	Regular Residential	\$232.39 per day				
408190 408210 415350	DA	Drug & Alcohol	\$201.87 per day				
408190 410210 415350	DM	Drug & Alcohol M.A.	\$82.94 per day				
407920 408060	DX	Diagnostic	\$273.81 per day				
408020 408140 410120 408060 412900 407480 423860 421370 426370 443740 444500 447420 447430	SN	Special Needs	\$301.65 per day				
441210 441220 442190	IS	Intensive Supervision Unit	\$376.95 per day				
408020 408140 408120 408060 412900 407480 423860 421370 426370 443740 444500 447420 447430	SM	Special Needs M.A.	\$128.64 per day				

City Mission-Living Stones, Inc.

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
448960 448970 448980	PH	Promise House Transitional Living	\$200.00 per day				
		Transportation Costs	IRS Rate plus Staff Costs				

Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
448600 448590 436380 436360 462780 414690	VO	Voyager Residential Program (Non-MA)	\$290.00 per day				
		Sanction Services: Diversion and Reintegration (Non-MA Eligible)	\$290.00 per day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Change Orders:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Change Order of Eber HVAC, Inc., to allow for humidity control for the 911 HVAC Upgrade Project, in the amount of \$39,850.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Change Order of Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., removing the Muskrat Beach Area #3 portion of the Glendale Lake Shoreline Stabilization Project, Phase VI, in the amount of \$363,178.60.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Bid:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the bid of Eber HVAC, Inc., for the Cambria County Library System HVAC Rehabilitation Project, in the amount of \$909,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Appeals:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund to Brickley Enterprises, LLC, Control No. 046-119213, in the amount of \$133.67, per the Court Order entered at No. 2021-2966.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund to A3J3, LLC, Control No. 032-023992, in the amount of \$695.09, per the Court Order entered at No. 2021-2924.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Exoneration:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2020, 2021, and 2022 tax exoneration for property located at 535-535 1/2 Vickroy Avenue, located in Ferndale Borough, contingent upon the purchase by the Borough.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hire:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Brianna Fox, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 5-B/\$10.70 per hour), effective September 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 Smith to transfer Tara Brunnet, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$11.30 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$11.87 per hour), effective September 12, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Justine Nagle, Full-Time Case Management Specialist for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 43-E/\$38,675.26 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$38,675.26 annually), effective September 12, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Melissa Husar, Full-Time Account Clerk I/Float for the Tax Claim Office, (Paygrade 5-C/\$9.91 per hour), effective September 13, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Courtney Loughran, Full-Time Chief Investigator for the Public Defender's Office, (Paygrade 49-H/\$11.91 per hour), effective September 2, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Morgan West, Full-Time Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 24-A/\$11.08 per hour), effective August 27, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Brett Gromley, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective August 27, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Tammi Karafa, Full-Time Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$30,885.14 annually), effective September 3, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Michelle Burkey, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.56 per hour), effective September 10, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

President Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 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