

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**November 17, 2022**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 27, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 28, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 31, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 1, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 2, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 3, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 4, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 7, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 8, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 9, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 10, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 11, 2022**

**Courthouse closed – Veterans Day.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 14, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 15, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 16, 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 October 27, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.**

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

**Public Comment:**

- 1. Lynn Popovich thanked the Commissioners for addressing the compensation for Children & Youth caseworkers. She believes this will help to get the Department back to where it needs to be.**
- 2. John DeBartola asked for a response regarding a retiree healthcare question; he commented on the Kevin Siehl case; and he stated that raises should only be given to employees who make lower wages and not to employees who make what he believes to be too much money.**

## **COMMISSIONERS**

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

- 1. November 14, 2022, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. November 15, 2022, meeting with Human Resources and Solicitor.**

**Amendment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Amendment with Tyler Technologies modifying the invoicing periods of the original Agreement to be set according to a calendar year.**

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

**Agreements:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Hosting Services Agreement with Pension Technology Group, Inc., to maintain and host a software system for the Cambria County Retirement System, beginning November 17, 2022, in the amount of \$25,000.00 annually.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with Behavioral Health of Cambria County to provide administrative services with respect to the HealthChoices Program, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Final Settlement Agreement and Release in the Kevin Siehl case, in the amount of \$600,000.00.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with CDI-Infrastructure, LLC, d/b/a L.R. Kimball, to provide engineering services for a generator addition to the Cambria County Courthouse, the Long-Term Structured Residence Building, and the Domestic Relations Building, 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 Hunt to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description of Services</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Alliance for Behavioral & Developmental Disabilities, Inc.	Conducts Certified Investigations in accordance with MR Bulletin #00-04-11, "Certified Investigations" and #6000-04-01, Incident Management," as well as the Pennsylvania Certified Investigations Manual.	\$256,210.00
Greater Johnstown Landlords Association	Performs any duties as they relate to Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Point in Time Outreach, as well as in the Development and Coordination of the Single Point Entry Housing Process.	\$55,365.00
Greater Johnstown Landlords Association	Provider shall operate the day-to-day operations in the execution of Cambria County's Comprehensive Housing Rental Assistance Program.	\$155,256.00

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

**Appointment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Michael Tatarko to the Cambria County Industrial Development Authority, to fill an unexpired term, beginning November 17, 2022, and ending December 31, 2025.**

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

**Reappointments:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the reappointment of Robert Davis to the Cambria County Conservation District Board, for a 4-year term, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the reappointment of Thomas C. Chernisky to the Cambria County Conservation District Board, for a 1-year term, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the reappointment of Father James Crookston to the Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council, for a 3-year term, beginning September 1, 2022, and ending August 31, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the reappointment of Michael Tatarko to the Cambria County General Financing Authority Board, for a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2027.**

**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, and fees assessed against:**

<u>CONTROL NO.</u>	<u>MAP NO.</u>	<u>ASSESSED NAME</u>	<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>EXONERATE</u>
1-113509	01-011.-000.029	Sweetser, Shawn	Adams Township	2021 taxes. Inactive parcel.
1-37012	01-011.-000.009	Anderson, Breanna	Adams Township	2018-2021 taxes. Inactive parcel.
1-36173	17-001.-047.048	Harshberger, C.D., et al.	Adams Township	1979-1984 taxes. Inactive parcel per Tax Assessment.
23-58001	23-016.-000.014	D&T Rentals	East Taylor Township	2016-2021 taxes. Trailer razed. Strike off by Tax Assessment.
19-15479	19-007.-209.000	Com. Finance Acquisition, LLC	Dale Borough	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
22-15895	22-004.-110.001	Faught, Albert J., et ux.	East Conemaugh Borough	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
42-21530	42-005.-107.000	Mosso, Violet	Nanty Glo Borough 1st Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.

42-21560	42-002.-112.000	Krens Surplus, Inc.	Nanty Glo Borough 1st Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
42-21769	42-002.-113.000	Krens Surplus, Inc.	Nanty Glo Borough 1st Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
49-67016	49-0001.-117.000	Shope, Wayne C. & Mary Lee	Reade Township	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
59-73247	59-026.-608.000	Boring, Barry & Wendy	Summerhill Township	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
61-31974	61-004.-114.000	Becher, Francis J.	Tunnelhill Borough	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
68-83162	68-030.-105.000	Furry, Kimberly Lee	White Township	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
68-114539	68-031.-343.000	Small, Robert T.	White Township	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
76-791	76-003.-258.000	Andrews, Allen P., Jr.	Johnstown 6th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
76-1023	76-001.-119.000	Mirilovich, Kenneth M.	Johnstown 6th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
76-1166	76-002.-216.000	EBGPT, Inc.	Johnstown 6th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
76-1245	76-005.-311.000	Velez, Carmen L.	Johnstown 6th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
76-1758	77-013.-409.000	Hancock, Belinda T.	Johnstown 7th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
77-1917	77-007.-220.000	Fitzpatrick, Dennis J. & Virginia	Johnstown 7th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
77-2191	77-007.-225.000	Riggs, William F.	Johnstown 7th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
77-2254	77-007.-221.000	Perecinsky, Paul	Johnstown 7th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
78-3351	78-013.-210.000	Martin, Carol B.	Johnstown 8th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
79-4173	79-006.-102.000	Crown-Phynex, LLC	Johnstown 9th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-9318	87-054.-409.000	Greater Johnstown Property Investments, LLC	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-9720	87-014.-117.000	Prentiss, Gaynell	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-9873	87-013.-210.000	Figueroa, Milton & Cheryl	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-10553	87-013.-224.000	Thomas, Scott R. & Stephanie P.	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-10572	87-013.-222.000	Kreasko, Paul G. & Wagner, Emily	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-10608	87-019.-229.000	Genneva Properties, LLC	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-10712	87-006.-234.000	Sgroi, John	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-11040	87-017.-414.000	Risley, Lucie E.	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
87-11549	87-017.-219.000	Baxter, Jhahova S.	Johnstown 17th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
88-6648	88-006.-406.000	Palumbo, Arthur R.	Johnstown 18th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
90-119179	90-009.-302.001	Gwinn, Richard W. & Shari L.	Johnstown 20th Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
91-7584	91-005.-202.000	Fox, William & Jennifer	Johnstown 21st Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.
91-7669	91-005.-128.000	Beppler Gregory W. & Cynthia L.	Johnstown 21st Ward	Taxes through 2021. Sold at 10-6-22 Judicial Sale.

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

## **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

### **Agreements:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U. Court-Related Support Staff/Non-Supervisory 2A, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U. Court-Related Professionals 2B, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U. Human Services Support Staff Unit 2C, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U. Human Services Professional Staff 2D, effective November 27, 2022, through December 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U. Human Services Professional/Supervisory 2E, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U. Human Services Support Staff Supervisors First-Line Supervisors/Non-Professionals 2F, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U. Court-Appointed Support Staff/Non-Supervisory 2H, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.**

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

**New Hires:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Melanie Beck, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,050.00 annually), effective November 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 Christiana Ward, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$28,914.30 annually), effective November 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 Patti Koeck, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$20,358.00 annually), effective November 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 Adam Karalfa, Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$36,102.13 annually), effective December 5, 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 Rayce Lanzendorfer, Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$36,102.13 annually), effective December 5, 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 Haley Braniff, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 9-G/\$10.78 per hour), effective December 12, 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 Charlayne Osborn, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$11.67 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$12.25 per hour), effective November 21, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Dakota Houston, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), to Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$53,337.70 annually), effective November 13, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Kristen Glavach, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), to Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$53,337.70 per hour), effective November 13, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Melissa Raho, Full-Time Acting Administrator III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 72-B/\$59,423.78 annually), to Full-Time Administrator III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 87-C/\$70,000.00 annually), effective November 28, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Remove from Payroll:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Alissa Legros, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 11-E/\$14.04 per hour), effective November 30, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Trevor Dennehy, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$50,903.32 annually), effective November 12, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jessica Page, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 11-E/\$14.01 per hour), effective November 12, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Robin Yakicic, Full-Time Fiscal Specialist for the Prison, (Paygrade 30-V/\$15.15 per hour), effective November 5, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Sharon Bush, Full-Time Clerk Typist II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 15-L/\$22,157.20), effective November 17, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Brian Datres, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective November 7, 2022.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Todd Shaffer, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.95 per hour), effective November 5, 2022.**

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

**Corrections:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve correcting the removal date of Miranda Labosky, Full-Time Social Services Aide I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-V/\$22,425.00 annually), from November 5, 2022, to October 29, 2022. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held October 27, 2022).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve correcting the removal date of Isaak James, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 41-E/\$28,914.30 annually), from October 15, 2022, to October 3, 2022. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held October 13, 2022).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve correcting the hire date of Melissa Leary, Full-Time Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 24-A/\$10.53 per hour), from November 7, 2022, to November 14, 2022. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held October 27, 2022).**

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

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, 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**