

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**January 12, 2023**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 22, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 23, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 26, 2022**

**Courthouse closed for Christmas holiday.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 27, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 28, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 29, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
December 30, 2022**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 2, 2023**

**Courthouse closed for New Year's holiday.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 3, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 4, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 5, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 6, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
January 9, 2023**

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

Ebensburg, PA  
January 10, 2023

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

Ebensburg, PA  
January 11, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William 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 10:02 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held December 22, 2022, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

None.

## COMMISSIONERS

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

1. January 9, 2023, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. January 10, 2023, meeting with Human Resources.

**Mileage:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve changing the County mileage reimbursement rate to be equal to the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.65.5 per mile, effective January 1, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$128,060.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, beginning October 1, 2021, and ending January 29, 2023, in the amount of \$72,466.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Service Provided	Rate
Simpson, Cynthia	To provide unbiased, objective facilitation for the support planning processes for Cambria County individuals in mental health acute and residential facilities, in addition to the Torrance State Hospital.	\$7,500.00
A Bridge to Independence	Provider will link, coordinate, and monitor the services per needs of the Cambria County consumer.	\$5,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Vendor	Service Provided	Rate
Homady & Corcoran, LLC	Legal Representation	\$90.00 per hour
	Legal Consultation	\$90.00 per hour
	Staff Training	\$90.00 per hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Reappointment:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the reappointment of James Benshoff to the Cambria County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending January 1, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Request for Proposal:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposal of the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority, along with its partners the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority and Johnstown Area Regional Industries, to administer the Whole-Home Repairs Program Grant.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Bid:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the bid of Thomas Automotive for a 2021 Chevrolet Express Cargo Work Van, in the amount of \$38,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Tax Refunds:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve 2021 and 2022 tax refunds for WJAC, Inc., Parcel No. 62-018.-801.000, in the amounts of \$6,820.20 and \$6,211.49 respectively, per the Court Order entered in Case No. 2020-3714.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the 2022 tax refund for DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC, Parcel No. 78-009.-204.000, in the amount of \$1,102.67, for tax paid in error.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a 2022 tax refund for DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC, Parcel No. 72-002.-115.000, in the amount of \$7,660.72, due to KOEZ effective for 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a 2021 tax refund for Northwest Savings Bank, Parcel No. 26-023.-203.000, in the amount of \$956.67, per the Court Order entered in Case No. 2020-3729.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Kathryn Antal, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 7-B/\$23,400.00 annually), effective January 17, 2023. (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 Arielle Williams, Full-Time Fiscal Technician for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 30-F/\$26,500.00 annually), effective January 17, 2023. (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 Henry Harrison, Full-Time Maintenance Technician for the Prison, (Paygrade 25-G/\$18.00 per hour), effective January 3, 2023. (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 Tenerowicz, Per-Diem DUI Instructor for DUI, (Paygrade 32-W/\$100.0 per hour), effective January 1, 2023. (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 Gary Welsh, Per-Diem DUI Instructor for DUI, (Paygrade 32-W/\$100.00 per hour), effective January 1, 2023. (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 approve hiring the following individuals as Full-Time Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.52 per hour), effective January 16, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

David Belles  
Lauren Ecklund  
Evan Minor

Nicole Berkebile  
Jordan Geist  
Michael Pribish

David Contorchick  
Tyler Kish  
Bobby Rainey

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Agatha Poole, Full-Time Maintenance Technician for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$12.42 per hour), effective January 22, 2023. (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 Christina Dunigan, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$31,200.00 annually), effective January 23, 2023. (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 Kelly Sanders, Part-Time Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$15.00 per hour), to Full-Time Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$18.00 per hour), effective January 3, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Twila Motchenbaugh, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for Magistrate Creany's Office, (Paygrade 11-E/\$14.17 per hour), to Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for Magistrate Prebish's Office, (Paygrade 11-E/\$14.17 per hour), effective January 23, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Remove from Payroll:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jessica Hritz, Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$37,393.72 annually), effective January 28, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jody Mosley, Full-Time Clerk Typist II/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 9-K/\$13.00 per hour), effective January 13, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Mylena White, Per-Diem DUI Instructor for DUI, (Paygrade 32-W/\$100.00 per hour), effective January 1, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Michael Stolz, Full-Time Lead Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 21-K/\$15.25 per hour), effective January 21, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Rescind:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of Francine Burk, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 9-G/\$12.41 per hour), effective January 3, 2023. (Action originally taken at the December 22, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at the Cambria Heights High School Library, at 6:05 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.