

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

February 22, 2023

**Ebensburg, PA
February 9, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 10, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 13, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 14, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 15, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 16, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 17, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 20, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 21, 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, at the John Murtha Center, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, at 6:07 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held February 9, 2023, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola again brought up the fact that the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority property located at 416 Main Street, Johnstown, is tax exempt. He believes that the County should be taxing this building and any other building that is listed as tax exempt but should not be.

George Critchfield, II, a Somerset County resident, thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to attend and observe a Cambria County public meeting and for also allowing him to speak. He is attending the meeting in an effort to understand how Cambria County operates in comparison to Somerset County.

A Proclamation was presented for Through with Chew Week.

COMMISSIONERS

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. February 20, 2023, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. February 21, 2023, meeting with Human Resources and Solicitor.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve 2022 budget transfers.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement, No. EMPG C950003897, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, in the amount of \$72,466.00, for a term beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with PulsePoint for software with regard to CPR-needed medical events occurring in public places, for a one-year term, in the amount of \$20,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with CDI Infrastructure, LLC, d/b/a L.R. Kimball, a division of TranSystems, for engineering services with regard to the basement plumbing upgrades and modifications at the Central Park Complex, in the amount of \$35,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

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

Vendor	Service Provided	Rate
The Learning Lamp	Information Dissemination, Education, Community-Based Process, and Environmental Activities	\$339,371.54

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	Service Provided	Rate
Independent Family Services	Provide family-based services.	\$12.74 per unit (7/1/22-9/30/22) \$12.93 per unit (10/1/22-6/30/23)

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Northern Cambria School District	Vaping Detector Reimbursement	\$14,438

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the resignation of Eric Wolf from the Cambria County Planning Commission Board, effective immediately.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Dr. Charles Koren to the Cambria County Planning Commission Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning February 22, 2023, and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Change Order:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a change order from Marmat, Inc., in the amount of \$4,670.00, for additional aesthetic changes with regard to the renovations at the Johnstown Senior Center, changing the base bid to \$318,497.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Bid Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the bid of Conserv Flag Company, of Sidney, Nebraska, for grave flag holders, in the amount of \$14,281.02, not \$9,049.95. (Action originally approved at the February 9, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Agreement:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with the United Mineworkers of America, (UMWA), beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Russell Heiple, Part-Time Advocate for the Courts, (Children & Youth Service/BH), (Paygrade 48-G/\$20,422.48 annually), effective February 6, 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 Anastasia Miller, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$12.00 per hour), effective March 6, 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 Cecil Keith, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,050.00 annually), effective March 13, 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 Autumn Spory, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,050.00 annually), effective March 13, 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 Amy Goller, Full-Time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 54-F/49,317.32 annually), to Full-Time Casework Supervisor for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 57-F/\$54,249.00 annually), effective March 6, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Mylenea White, Full-Time Director of the Day Reporting Center for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 87-E/\$51,982.84), to Full-Time Acting Chief of Probation for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 88-B/\$72,500.00 annually), effective February 10, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Elizabeth Zajdel, Full-Time Clerical Supervisor for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 24-B/\$26,734.24 annually), to Full-Time Fiscal Technician for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 30-F/\$26,500.50 annually), effective March 20, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Robert Tinker, Jr., Full-Time Information Systems Specialist for Technology, (Paygrade 41-H/\$32,814.34 annually), effective February 23, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Darrin Smith, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.52 per hour), effective February 28, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove David Warner, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.52 per hour), effective February 25, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Patrick Kelly, Full-Time Director of Maintenance/Safety for Maintenance, (Paygrade 54-C/\$56,840.16 annually), effective April 1, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Rebecca Fox, Full-Time Prison Counselor for the Prison, (Paygrade 32-K/\$23.65 per hour), effective February 25, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Katie Swanson, Full-Time Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$34,785.14 annually), effective March 4, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Saint Francis University, DiSepio Institute for Rural Health & Wellness, Scharpf Conference Center, Loretto, 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