

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

April 13, 2023

**Ebensburg, PA
March 16, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 17, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 20, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 21, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 22, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 23, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 24, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 27, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 28, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 29, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 30, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 31, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
April 3, 2023**

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

Ebensburg, PA
April 4, 2023

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

Ebensburg, PA
April 5, 2023

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

Ebensburg, PA
April 6, 2023

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

Ebensburg, PA
April 7, 2023

Courthouse closed for Good Friday.

Ebensburg, PA
April 10, 2023

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

Ebensburg, PA
April 11, 2023

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

Ebensburg, PA
April 12, 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 South Fork Historical Society, South Fork, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held March 16, 2023, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

A Proclamation was presented for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

COMMISSIONERS

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. April 10, 2023, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. April 10, 2023, meeting with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Local Match Resolution Certifying Responsibility of Municipality for Advertising Revenue Shortfall for the Cambria County Transit Authority, fiscal year 2023-2024, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Amendments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Subrecipient Agreement Second Amendment with Johnstown Area Regional Industries, with regard to a Community and Economic Development Block Grant.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with CDI Infrastructure, LLC, d/b/a L.R. Kimball, a division of TranSystems, for professional services, with regard to the Johnstown Senior Center Plumbing Modifications Project, to include assessment, design, and construction of a grease trap, in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Cambria County Coroner's Office and Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Criminal Justice Training Center.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions to provide onsite response/local dispatch services to 911, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,250.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with David Beyer to act as a Hearing Officer for Domestic Relations, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with Chris Gvozdich to act as a Hearing Officer for Domestic Relations, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with Mary Schellhammer to act as a Hearing Officer for Domestic Relations, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with Lisa Hauliska to act as a Court Reporter for Domestic Relations, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Lease Agreement with Laurel Highlands Historical Village to utilize Duman Park, from September 8, 2023, through September 10, 2023, in the amount of \$2,460.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Marshals Service, to house federal prisoners at the Cambria County Prison, at a rate of \$103.50 per inmate per day.

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 Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

Cornel Abraxas Group, LLC							
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allowable Maintenance</u>	<u>Allowable Admin</u>
310320	LO	Abraxas Specialized Treatment Program	\$350.54				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Contract Amount – Original</u>	<u>Contract Amount – Revised</u>
Prime Design Solutions, Inc.	Public Communications Media Development	\$4,165.00	\$3,400.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve three (3) Service Contract Amendments for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Contract Amount – Original</u>	<u>Contract Amount – Revised</u>
Country Manor Senior Care	Personal Care	\$20,000.00 max	\$45,000.00 max
ADT, LLC	Medical Alert	\$20,000.00 max	\$45,000.00 max
Messina Law	Legal Services	\$12,000.00 max	\$25,000.00 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

Delta Family Services							
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allowable Maintenance</u>	<u>Allowable Admin</u>
145600	MM	General FC - II (0 - 12)	\$62.12			\$30.63	\$31.49
		For mileage per in-person court appearance.	\$275.00				
		For in-person staff attendance. (This staff will have a 11-13 hour day to attend court in person).	\$150.00				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Penn Cambria School District	SAP Training Reimbursement	\$3,000.00 max (3/16/23 – 9/29/23)

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

Dr. John Jubas, Educational Decision Maker							
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Unallowable</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable</u>	<u>Allowable Maintenance</u>	<u>Allowable Admin</u>
		Consultation and Education	\$25.00/hour				
		Mileage	PA State Rate				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Change Order:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Change Order No. 2 from MARMAT, Inc., for renovations to the Johnstown Senior Center, in the amount of \$2,749.92, increasing the contract amount from \$483,651.00 to \$486,400.92.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Easements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the following Easements necessary for the Red Mill Bridge Reconstruction Project, in lieu of condemnations:

<u>Owners</u>	<u>Tax Map No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
David W. Alexander, Sr., & Linda Alexander	06-002.-110.001	\$250.00

David W. Alexander, Sr., & Linda Alexander	06-002.-110.004	\$250.00
David W. Alexander & David W. Alexander, Jr.	06-002.-110.003	\$250.00
Carrie A. Gordon Mourey & Robin M. Gordon Leightley	06-002.-110.000	\$4,000.00
Anthony Jacob Weidner & Penny Lynn M. Weidner	06-002.-110.002	\$500.00

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:

Control No.	Map No.	Assessed Name	Municipality	Exonerate
19-15643	19-006.-123.000	Machuta, James J., Jr., & Clark, Kimberlee A.	Dale Borough	2022 taxes. Unsold at Judicial Sale. Now Repository.
68-224868	68-014.-116.19T	Bennett, Clark & Dixon, Thelma	White Township	2022 taxes. Strike off per Tax Assessment.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Refunds:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund for Gautier Steel, Ltd., in the amount of \$2,728.00, per the Court Order entered at No. 2021-3738, which includes the following parcels:

80-008.-100.00	83-000.-100.001	83-000.-101.000
73-001.-501.000	73-001.-502.000	73-001.-504.000
73-001.-513.000	73-001.-519.000	

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund for Hazak 507 Main, LLC, Parcel No. 73-002.-211.00, in the amount of \$8,691.75, per the Court Order entered at No. 2021-3368.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Tyler Charney, Full-Time Storage Virtualization Disaster Recovery Administrator for Technology, (Paygrade 50-M/\$50,000.00 annually), effective April 24, 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 Raymond Guzic, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$12.00 per hour), effective April 16, 2023, through October 31, 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 Joseph Harasty, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$12.00 per hour), effective April 16, 2023, through October 31, 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 Garrett Sweeney, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective April 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 Katelyn Shultz, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective April 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 Candy Livingston, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$12.00 per hour), effective April 24, 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 Stefanie Musser, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,050.00 annually), effective April 24, 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 Darla Myers, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 7-B/\$23,400.00 annually), effective May 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 Patricia Dulashaw, Per-Diem Clerk Typist I for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-A/\$12.00 per hour), effective April 17, 2023, through May 26, 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 Margaret Hildebrand, Per-Diem Clerk Typist I for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-A/\$12.00 per hour), effective April 17, 2023, through May 26, 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 Harry Plummer, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$25.82 per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade/38-A/\$26.49 per hour), effective April 9, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Michael Mozi, Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$26.44 per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$25.77 per hour), effective March 20, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Allaina Long, Full-Time Account Clerk II for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 11-

A/\$12.75 per hour), to Full-Time Clerk Typist III for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 15-D/\$13.39 per hour), effective April 17, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Benjamin Walls, Full-Time IT Service Manager for Technology, (Paygrade 47-D/\$49,160.80 annually), to Full-Time Network Administrator/Operations Manager for Technology, (Paygrade 58-C/\$60,000.00 annually), effective April 17, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Dena Baker, Full-Time Account II for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 11-A/\$12.75 per hour), to Full-Time Account Clerk III for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 15-A/\$13.39 per hour), effective April 17, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Daniel Szekeresh, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Payroll 9-D/\$12.19 per hour), effective March 29, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Andrew Evanicsko, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.95 per hour), effective March 27, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Bruce Wess, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$12.63 per hour), effective April 1, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jerrad Baker, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.95 per hour), effective March 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Joshua Staff, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.95 per hour), effective March 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Carly Surkovich, Full-Time Human Resources Generalist for Human Resources, (Paygrade 20-P/\$15.36 per hour), effective April 8, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Toni Kirsch, Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$63,717.68 annually), effective April 29, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Eileen Dixon, Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$51,567.36 annually), effective April 29, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Michael Gelles, IV, Full-Time Chief Clerk/County Manager, (Paygrade 100-C/\$88,151.70 annually), effective April 4, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of Dustin Mikolic, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.95 per hour), effective March 20, 2023. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting, March 16, 2023).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Cresson American Legion, Cresson, 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.

Tara N. Keilman, Deputy Chief Clerk