

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

January 11, 2024

Ebensburg, PA  
January 2, 2024

Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 3, 2024

Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 4, 2024

Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 5, 2024

Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 8, 2024

Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 9, 2024

Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 10, 2024

Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

**Commissioners in Session.** Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky were present.

The Commissioners' Meeting was called to Order by President Commissioner Scott W. Hunt in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of January 2, 2024, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

1. January 8, 2024, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. January 9, 2024, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.

**Mileage:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve adjusting the mileage reimbursement rate for 2024, from \$.655 to \$.67 per mile, pursuant to IRS guidelines.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Amendments:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Amendment No. 9 to the Inmate Services Agreement with DSI-ITI, Inc., d/b/a ViaPath Technologies, extending the current term until January 20, 2028.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the First Amendment to the Local Agency Grant Agreement for the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Agriculture, and the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, to account for program administration changes.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

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

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center –  
Maternal Addiction Resource Center (MARC)

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Per-Diem Rate
		MARC Program	\$40,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Change Orders:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Change Order No. 4 of Charles J. Merlo, Inc., for construction of the Red Mill Bridge Project, decreasing the contract price by \$9,738.23, for a new contract amount of \$1,683,451.33.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Change Order No. 1 of Baer Services, Inc., t/a Hinkle Plumbing & Heating, with regard to the CPC Basement Plumbing Modifications Project, decreasing the contract price by \$122,500.00, for a new contract amount of \$91,850.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Refunds:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve tax refunds to Tirth Holdings, Map No. 50-004.-162.002, for the following years and amounts, per the Court Order entered at No. 2021-3843.

2022 - \$3,856.40

2023 - \$4,526.20

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve tax refunds to Adar Johnstown, LLC, and Karruli, LLC, for the following Map Nos., years, and amounts, per the Court Order entered at No. 2021-3437 and 2021-3438.

Map No. 50-004.-160.010: 2022 - \$91,551.34

2023 - \$81,886.09

Map No. 50-004.-204.001: 2022 - \$4,532.91

2023 - \$4,054.36

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve tax refunds to Buckeye Community Fifty-Six, LP, Map No. 78-024.-200.000, for the following years and amounts, per the Court Order entered at No. 2020-3601 and 2020-3602.

2019 (interim) - \$5,604.32  
2021 - \$9,956.03  
2023 - \$9,950.93

2020 - \$8,314.53  
2022 - \$9,577.60

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve tax refunds to Everything Ice, Inc., for the following Map Nos., years, and amounts, per the Court Order entered at No. 2021-3429.

Map No. 77-019.-102.000:	2022 - \$17.92	2023 - \$17.99
Map No. 77-019.-103.000:	2022 - \$26.43	2023 - \$26.54
Map No. 77-019.-103.001:	2022 - \$7.89	2023 - \$7.93
Map No. 77-019.-115.000:	2022 - \$52.86	2023 - \$53.07
Map No. 77-019.-406.000:	2022 - \$255.20	2023 - \$256.20

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Dennis Previte, Part-Time Solicitor for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 000-C/\$1,800.00 annually), effective January 2, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Keith D. Rager, Full-Time Elected Official (Commissioner) for the Commissioners' Office, (Paygrade 000-A/\$72,256.10 annually), effective January 2, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Michael Crum, Full-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, (Paygrade 48-L/\$54,077.94 annually), effective February 5, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Amy Spinos, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$50,903.16 annually), effective January 17, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

### Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Ashley Tronzo, Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$46,731.22 annually), to Full-Time Re-Entry Coordinator for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 36-M/\$57,750.00 annually), effective January 29, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

### Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove David Berkey, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$30.60 per hour), effective January 17, 2024.

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Susan Polke, Full-Time Legal Secretary for Juvenile Court, (Paygrade 23-C/\$20.16 per hour), effective January 20, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Michael Carbonara, Part-Time Solicitor for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 000-C/\$1,800.00 annually), effective January 2, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Agnes Kertes, Full-Time Court Coordinator for the Courts, (Paygrade 28-F/\$37,968.84 annually), effective January 17, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Diane Brence, Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$52,877.50 annually), effective January 20, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Bethea Novelli, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 7-B/\$24,199.50 annually), effective January 13, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Brendan Crouse, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$12.97 per hour), effective December 29, 2023.**

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

**Correction:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the effective date of the removal of Diana Bowman, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.95 per hour), from January 14, 2024, to December 14, 2023. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held December 21, 2023).**

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

**Commissioner Hunt stated that next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting would be held on January 25, 2024, at 6:05 p.m., at the Community Arts Center of Cambria County, 1217 Menoher Boulevard, Johnstown, 15905.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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**Tara N. Keilman, Deputy Chief Clerk**