

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

June 13, 2024

**Ebensburg, PA
May 23, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 24, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 27, 2024**

Courthouse closed for Memorial Day.

**Ebensburg, PA
May 28, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 29, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 30, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 31, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 3, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 4, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 5, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 6, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 7, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 10, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 11, 2024**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 12, 2024**

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

Commissioners in Session. Commissioners Scott W. Hunt 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.

Public Comment:

Theresa Kosaber spoke regarding election paper ballot training and a biblical citizenship class.

John DeBartola stated that he was disappointed that the Commissioners would not be providing a Proclamation for LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to waive the reading of the Minutes of May 23, 2024, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. June 10, 2024, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. June 11, 2024, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Proclamation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve a Proclamation for Child Welfare Appreciation Week.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Plan:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Emergency Operations Plan for the Cambria County Court Annex.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Deed:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Quit Claim Deed with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority for property known as Parcel No. 77-004.-111.000.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Grant:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve applying for a grant, through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, to be used for a national incident-based reporting system by the Cambria County Detective's Bureau, in the amount of \$37,595.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Agreement with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority to convey properties known as Tax Map Nos. 73-001.-402.000, 73-001.-403.000, and 76-003.-151.000.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Agreement with Peniel Drug/Alcohol Treatment Center to provide court-ordered inpatient drug and alcohol treatment at a rate of \$1,800.00 per month, per patient, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Senior Community Center Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Aging, in the amount of \$52,829.00, for a walk-in cooler at the Johnstown Senior Center.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Short-Term Lease Payment Agreement with Jason Riligio, for property located at 1344 Maryland Avenue, Johnstown, in the amount of \$650.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Agreement with Timothy G. Caroff Title Abstracting to provide title abstracting services for the Cambria County Tax Claim Bureau, at a rate of \$225.00 per title search for 3 hours of time or \$300.00 per title search for anything over 3 hours of time, beginning June 13, 2024, and ending June 12, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI, Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
OneWell, LLC	Additional support in the medical environment for when medical staff is unable to provide for consumer due to their unique behavior or physical needs.	\$14,433.12

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Service Assessment & Management, Inc.	To provide support coordination to individuals of Cambria County in accordance with ODP Support Coordination Services Bulletin #00-10-06 in addition to providing support to the County Administrative Entity.	\$30,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Children & Youth Service, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Speak Write</u>	
<u>Service Provided – Foreign Language Translation</u>	<u>Rate</u>
General Transcription	\$.015/word
Legal Transcription	\$.015/word
Multi- Speaker Transcription	\$0.0225/word

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Bid:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the bid of Berkebile Excavating Co., Inc., Tire Hill, Pennsylvania, for the Johnstown Sidewalk Improvement Project, in the amount of \$274,720.00, to include the following work.

Base Bid – Sidewalk, ADA ramp, and curb replacement along Franklin Street from the Post Office to Washington.

Alternate 1 – Sidewalk, driveway aprons, and curb replacement along Washington Street from Franklin Street to 512 Washington Street.

Alternate 2 – Sidewalk, driveway aprons, and curb replacement along Washington Street in front of the County Service Offices.

Alternate 3 – Flagpole installation including foundation, slab, and bollards.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Stephanie Martin, Full-Time Fiscal Specialist for the Prison, (Paygrade 30-V/\$15.15 per hour), effective June 24, 2024. (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 Chernisky to hire Sarah Rodgers, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 7-B/\$24,199.50 annually), effective June 17, 2024. (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 Chernisky to hire Alanna Bates, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,713.00 annually), effective June 17, 2024. (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 Chernisky to transfer Alyson Bodenschatz, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk II for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 12-A/\$14.20 per hour), to Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk III for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 16-A/\$14.91 per hour), effective June 17, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Breanna Kirsch, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$14.34 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$15.06 per hour), effective June 17, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Mark Sanford, Jr., Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$58,891.04 annually), to Full-Time Captain for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-A/\$63,115.52 annually), effective July 7, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Eric Wysong, Full-Time Acting Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$58,891.04 annually), to Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$58,891.04 annually), effective July 7, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Jaeanne Mikitko, Full-Time Clerk Typist I/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-E/\$12.67 per hour), to Full-Time Clerk Typist II/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 9-K/\$13.30 per hour), effective June 17, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Stephanie Schenk, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$13.68 per hour), to Full-Time Second Deputy for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$14.47 per hour), effective June 17, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Michael Range, Full-Time Case Aide I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 15-W/\$26,174.50 annually), to Full-Time Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$31,531.50 annually), effective June 17, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove James Corran, Full-Time Chief Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 15-B/\$20.00 per hour), effective June 8, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Arlene Gergely, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$26.29 per hour), effective June 29, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Dorothy Gustkey, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective June 3, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Kaytlyn Smolen, Full-Time Legal Secretary for Juvenile Court, (Paygrade 23-C/\$13.65 per hour), effective June 6, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Richard Sobecky, Full-Time Captain for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-A/\$63,115.52 annually), effective June 12, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Donald Knopsnyder, Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$48,214.14 annually), effective June 29, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to remove Tiffany Kephart, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$12.59 per hour), effective June 21, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

President Commissioner Hunt stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at Duman Lake County Park, Pavilion No. 10.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk