

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

September 26, 2024

**Ebensburg, PA
September 12, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 13, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 16, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 17, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 18, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 19, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 20, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 23, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 24, 2024
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA
September 25, 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 10:05 a.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of September 12, 2024, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. September 23, 2024, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. September 24, 2024, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.**

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Resolution authorizing the County to be reimbursed, from a bond, for monies spent on capital improvement projects, including, but not limited to, the Courthouse roof and records storage.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Amendment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Amendment to the Cambria County Prison Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program Pricing Analysis.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to modify the Tax Map Number of the Green Diamond Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement and the end date of the Hastings Area Industrial Development Association Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Green Energy Ventures, LLC, for property known as 243 Rubisch Road, Ebensburg, Tax Map No. 08-005.-107.001, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2034.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with JT Railcar, LLC, for property known as 127 Clarion Street, Johnstown, Tax Map No. 29-000.-100.004, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2034.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Green Diamond Services, for property known as 127 Clarion Street, Johnstown, Tax Map No. 29-000.-100.007, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2034.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Hastings Area Industrial Development Association, for property known as 264 Haida Avenue, Hastings, Tax Map No. 33-023.-100.000, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2034.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreement Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Short-Term Lease Payment Agreement with Blackstone Capital, LLC, for property located at 364 ½ Corrine Avenue, Johnstown, 15906, in the amount of \$875.00 per month. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held September 12, 2024).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

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

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Educational Development Software, LLC	Provide participating Cambria County School Districts with the aSAP! Student Assistance Program Web-Based Software.	\$8,566.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

Family Care for Children & Youth					
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
310770 141930 409670 206250	FA	Age 3-21 Family Based	\$75.67	\$30.00	\$45.67
	FB	Age 0-3 Family Based	\$66.22	\$30.00	\$36.22
	FV	Age 3-21 Emergency Family Based	\$75.67	\$30.00	\$45.67
	FW	Age 0-3 Emergency Family Based	\$66.22	\$30.00	\$36.22
	MA	Level 1 Age 0-21 Medically Fragile	\$64.31	\$30.30	\$34.01
	MB	Level 2 Age 0-21 Medically Fragile	\$56.17	\$32.46	\$23.71
	MC	Level 3 Age 0-21 Medically Fragile	\$39.74	\$35.70	\$4.04
	MD	Level 4 Age 0-21 Medically Fragile	\$37.87	\$37.87	\$0.00
	KA	Kinship Care Age 0-21	\$69.05	\$30.00	\$39.05
	HM	Homemaker Services – Hourly Rate	\$76.50		
	HM	Homemaker Services – Hourly Rate - Phone/Virtual	\$59.16		
	HS	Home Study	\$837.06		

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the resignation of William Patterson from the Cambria County Solid Waste Authority Board, effective September 9, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Exoneration:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve exonerating 2024 County taxes for property owned by Brownstown Borough, Tax Map No. 07-006.-200.001, in the amount of \$195.26, due to the Borough being a tax-exempt entity.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Change Orders:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Change Order from Eber HVAC, for HVAC upgrades at the Cambria County Human Services Building, 3-story addition, in the amount of \$675,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Change Order No. 1 of Berkebile Excavating Co., Inc., in the amount of \$12,519.00, with regard to the Sidewalk Improvements Project at the Central Park Complex Building, changing the total contract price from \$274,720.00 to \$287,239.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Angelia Phelan, Full-Time Social Services Aide I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-V/\$25,174.55 [1950 hours] annually), effective October 14, 2024.

(Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Melissa Elias, Full-Time Administrative Secretary for the Prison, (Paygrade 36-C/\$36,000.00 [2080 hours] annually), effective October 14, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Matthew Varner, Full-Time Acting Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$58,891.04 [2080 hours] annually), effective September 29, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Rylan Vojtowicz, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$12.76 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 14, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Bridget Mazey, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$18.75 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$19.69 [1820 hours] per hour), effective September 30, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jason Shaw, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$24,199.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective September 12, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Anna Arrington, Per-Diem Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-C/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective August 2, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kathleen Benko, Full-Time Account Clerk III for the Tax Claim Bureau, (Paygrade 15-A/\$16.97 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 12, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Nicole Burkett, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$12.76 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 6, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Gabrielle Delanois, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$52,124.80 [1820 hours] annually), effective October 12, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Robert Fye, Full-Time Detective for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 35-C/\$25.22 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 21, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Dawn Hagens, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$12.59 [1820 hours] per hour), effective September 28, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Breann Latoche, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$12.59 [1820 hours] per hour), effective September 18, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Stephanie Martin, Full-Time Fiscal Specialist for the Prison, (Paygrade 30-V/\$15.15 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 19, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kady Plazek, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 11, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Brock Shirk, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.62 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 24, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Shemilla White, Per-Diem Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-C/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective August 3, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Olivia Williams, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for Magistrate Price's Office, (Paygrade 11-E/\$14.41 [1820 hours] per hour), effective September 21, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Gracie Wright, Per-Diem Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-C/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective August 17, 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, October 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk