

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**February 27, 2025**

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 13, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 14, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 17, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 18, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 19, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 20, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 21, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 24, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 25, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
February 26, 2025**

**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 auditorium of the Forest Hills Junior-Senior High School, at 6:00 p.m.**

### **Public Comment:**

**John DeBartola commented on the Revised Unused PTOG and Sick Leave Buyout Policy that was on the Agenda. He questioned where the money would be coming from for such payments. He also voiced concerns about the Cambria County Election Office.**

### **Notice of Executive Sessions:**

- 1. February 24, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. February 25, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve engaging Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., to serve as underwriter or placement agent with regard to**

education and consultation on financing options, including the issuance of bond options for 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Proclamation:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Proclamation declaring March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Policy:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Revised Unused PTOG and Sick Leave Buyout Policy.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Resolution:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve a Resolution requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant, from the Commonwealth Financing Authority, for the Cambria County Remote Operations Center (ROC) Drone Hub located at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Master Services Agreement between Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc., and the Cambria County District Attorney’s Office, with regard to forensic DNA services, Package 1, in the amount of \$28,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve extending the Clinical Laboratory Services Agreement with DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC, to provide clinical laboratory services for the Cambria County District Attorney’s Office, at the following rates:

- Initial Laboratory Testing for Drugs - \$300.00
- Follow-Up Drug Testing (Authorized by DA’s Office) - \$140.00
- MMC Alcohol Blood Testing - \$146.00 (includes venipuncture)
- MIMC Alcohol Blood Testing - \$128.00 (includes venipuncture)

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Kirsch Construction, in the amount of \$1,376.55.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

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

Professional Family Care Services, Inc.					
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Maintenance	Admin
		Family Finding Not to Exceed Maximum Allowable - \$82,000.00	\$60.00/per hour		

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Beginnings, Inc.	Parents as Teachers (PAT) – Parenting/Family Management Programming	\$186,876.09

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Request for Proposals:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the proposal of Tetra Tech, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for professional services to complete the design and permitting of the Krayn (GA) Refuse Pile and Removal Project, in the amount of \$169,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Tax Exonerations:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager 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:

<u>Control No.</u>	<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Assessed Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Exonerate</u>
071-00040	71-002.-506.000	Johnstown Redevelopment Authority	Johnstown 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	2020-2024 taxes. Sold at 10/10/24 Private Sale. Sold to JRA Landbank.
019-015497	19-001.-117.000	Dougherty, Mark	Dale Borough	1997-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
054-029580	54-004.-106.000	Wills, Donald W. & Kathleen E.	South Fork Borough 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	1998-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
054-029681	54-006.-302.000	Snyder, Dorothy & Kevin K.	South Fork Borough	2013-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
073-000351	73-001.-408.000	Busch, Billy P.	Johnstown 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	2002-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
073-000427	73-001.-407.000	Gorsten Place Investments, Inc.	Johnstown 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	2011-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
076-000801	76-003.-206.000	Leber, Charles E., Jr., & Rochelle	Johnstown 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2020-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
076-001252	76-003.-205.000	Mikesic, Matthew Noah	Johnstown 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2013-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
077-001605	77-007.-105.000	Griffiths, Richard L. & Deborah	Johnstown 7 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2014-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
077-002450	77-007.-214.000	Fitzpatrick, Doryta	Johnstown 7 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2020-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
086-006203	86-003.-202.000	Urena, Johanna & Cribas, Stephanie	Johnstown 16 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2019-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
087-010366	87-026.-313.000	Henderson, Tyree & Gibson, Aaron, Jr., et al.	Johnstown 17 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2019-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
087-011152	87-019.-122.000	Hill, Demetria Melinda	Johnstown 17 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2018-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
089-007365	89-009.-203.000	Friarball 43, LLC	Johnstown 19 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2015-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
090-012092	90-034.-101.001	Williams, Keisha L.	Johnstown 20 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2001-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.
090-012634	90-009.-224.000	Mauk, Robert N. & Ginger R.	Johnstown 20 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2017-2024 taxes. Sold at 1/7/25 Judicial Sale.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire DeVonte Jordan, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective March 2, 2025. (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 Mackenzie Persio, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$43,192.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 17, 2025. (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 Kelsey Way, Full-Time

**Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$43,192.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 17, 2025. (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 Crystal Miller, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$43,192.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 17, 2025. (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 Cheryl Bennett, Full-Time Social Services Aide I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-V/\$30,225.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 17, 2025. (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 Amanda Hull, Full-Time Social Services Aide I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-V/\$30,225.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 17, 2025. (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 Bradley Dugan, Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.63 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer II/Records Officer for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.93 [2080 hours] per hour), effective February 21, 2025.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Sarah Warner, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$13.71 [1820 hours] per hour), effective February 22, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Russell Smith, III, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective March 2, 2025.**

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

**Rescind:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve rescinding the hiring of Rusty Wills, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade**

**26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective March 2, 2025. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held on February 13, 2025).**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve rescinding the hiring of Josh Fetzner and Jason Crusan, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective March 2, 2025. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held on February 13, 2025).**

**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, March 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at Mount Aloysius College, Cosgrave Student Center, Rooms 120/122, 7373 Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson.**

**Adjournment:**

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

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

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**Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk**