

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

March 13, 2025

**Ebensburg, PA
February 27, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
February 28, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 3, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 4, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 5, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 6, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 7, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 10, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 11, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
March 12, 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 Rooms 120/122 of Cosgrave Student Center, Mount Aloysius College, Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson, at 10:10 a.m.

Public Comment:

Etta Albright spoke on gerrymandering.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held February 27, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. March 10, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. March 11, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.**

Proclamations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the following Proclamations:

**AmeriCorps Week – March 9, 2025-March 15, 2025
Cambria County Conservation District 75th Anniversary
Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2025
Pennsylvania 4-H Week – March 16, 2025-March 22, 2025
Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month – April 2025**

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Liquid Fuels:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve 2025 Liquid Fuel Allocations.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Grants:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve submitting a Historic Preservation Grant Application, to be used for carpeting in Courtroom No. 1, in the amount of \$29,888.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Subgrant Award Notification from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, for the 2025 Cambria County VOJO Grant, No. 2023-VF-07-45569, in the amount of \$34,759.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the 2025 Loan Agreement with the Cambria Somerset Authority, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC, to provide audits for the Register of Wills, Clerk of Courts, Probation Office Adult Intermediate Punishment Unit, Recorder of Deeds, Prothonotary, Prison Canteen Fund, and the Prison Resident Fund, as of December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$30,600.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Juvenile Probation Services Program Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, having a performance period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$246,334.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Broker Fee Agreement with MGI Risk Management, beginning April 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027, at a rate of \$3,750.00 per quarter.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed with a 2 to 1 vote. Commissioner Chernisky voted no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Bill of Sale, Release, and Indemnity Agreement with Central Cambria School District to transfer a 2015 Ford Expedition to the School District, for \$1,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Proposal of Motorola Solutions, Inc., to provide cybersecurity Managed Detection and Response services for ICORRS.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Subcontract Agreement with Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Corporation to provide services with respect to the Emergency Life-Saving through Multi-Modal Mobility, for a term beginning March 1, 2025, and ending October 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$54,200.00.

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 Agreement for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PA Department of Agriculture	Farmers Market Vouchers	\$24.00 per consumer

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
University of Pittsburgh Physicians	Physician Services – Medical evaluation for opioid use disorder.	\$15,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve three (3) Service Contract Agreements for Cambria County Children & Youth Service, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania			
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Multiple 407640	RG	Regular Residential	\$313.62/day
Multiple 408140	SN	Special Needs	\$392.56/day
Multiple 408210	DA	Drug & Alcohol	\$323.82/day
407920	DX	Diagnostic	\$336.62/day
Multiple 407830	IS	Intensive Supervision	\$501.74/day
454420	SD	GJR Secure	\$730.99/day
Multiple 408120	SM	Special Needs M.A.	\$190.14/day
Multiple 408210	DM	Drug & Alcohol M.A.	\$82.94/day
407510	TR	Therapeutic Residence for Adolescent – Complex Cases	Determined by individual county contract

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center – Maternal Addiction Resource Center (MARC)	
<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Maternal Addiction Resource Center (MARC)	Approved Budget - \$40,000.00

JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc.	
Service Provided	Rate
JustCare Program	\$83.66/hour
JustCare + Program	\$92.03/hour
STOPP Program	\$89.35/hour
STOPP + Program	\$98.28/hour
VIP (Violation Initiative Program)	\$82.50/hour
VIP + Program	\$90.75/hour
Anger Management Program	\$83.66/hour
Anger Management + Program	\$92.03/hour
Drug Testing	\$89.00 flat rate
Drug Testing – No Shows	\$30.00 flat rate
Family Finding	\$61.38/hour
FGDM	\$3,000.00/conference
FGDM	\$1,000.00/successful referral but no conference
FGDM	\$250.00/unsuccessful referral
FGDM	\$650.00/facilitation only (including food prep + site rental)
Foster Care Assistance Program (FCAP)	\$83.66/hour
ICM (Institutional Case Management)	\$20.50/day
Independent Living	\$85.00/hour & \$42.50/hour cofacilitator rate
Nurturing Parenting	\$83.66/hour
Nurturing Parenting +	\$92.03/hour
Community Based Nurturing Parenting	\$83.66/hour
Nurturing Parenting for Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery (NP-SA)	\$83.66/hour or with drug screening at \$92.03/hour
Supervised Visits	\$64.98/hour
Supervised Visits Plus Drug Testing	\$77.41/hour
Truancy Remediation/Diversion	\$83.66/hour
Truancy Remediation/Diversion +	\$92.03/hour
Visit Coaching	\$83.66/hour
Visit Coaching Plus Drug Testing	\$92.03/hour
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	\$475.00/group session (max of 10 youth in a group), \$80.00/hour for individual missed appointments, travel not included in rate
Transportation Service Program (TSP)	\$34.66/hour plus IRS mileage reimbursement rate
Attendance Improvement Program (AIP)	\$375.00/group, up to 8 families
Seeking Safety	\$89.35/hour
Seeking Safety with Drug Testing	\$90.75/hour
Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)	\$85.00/hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Exoneration:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 2025 tax exoneration for Donald E. McMillan, Tax Map No. 66-26.-101.000, pursuant to the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, effective January 2, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Dale Rearick, Per-Diem Election Worker for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-S/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective March 13, 2025, through December 31, 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 Mikaela Crum, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Varner’s Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), 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 Gabriel Eshelman, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 [2080 hours] per hour), effective April 14, 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 Kimberly Rishell, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 [2080 hours] per hour), effective April 14, 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 Randy Lanzendorfer, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$12.50 [1000 hours] per hour), effective March 31, 2025, through October 31, 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 Joseph Harasty, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$13.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective March 31, 2025, through October 31, 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 Chernisky to transfer Kurt Wolford, Full-Time Captain for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-A/\$65,403.52 [2080 hours] annually), to Full-Time Warden for the Prison, (Paygrade 94-A/\$83,183.36 [1820 hours] annually), effective April 12, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Roxanne Sickles, Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$17.75 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Executive Assistant for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 49-B/\$35,544.60 [1820 hours] annually), effective March 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Christina Dunigan, Full-Time Caseworker II for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$42,137.55 [1950 hours] annually), effective February 28, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jeffrey Callihan, Full-Time Food Service Supervisor for the Prison, (Paygrade 57-J/\$52,894.40 [2080 hours] annually), effective March 29, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kenneth Burtop, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 [2080 hours] per hour), effective February 26, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Charles Coll, Full-Time Intake Supervisor for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 57-G/\$70,346.64 [1820 hours] annually), effective March 29, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Johnathan Regala, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective March 15, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Scott McCoy, Jr., Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective March 15, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Annette Sabella, Full-Time Executive Assistant for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 49-B/\$38,001.60 [1820 hours] annually), effective March 15, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to rescind the hiring of Kristen Claypoole, 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 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, April 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at Contres-Greer Social Hall, 1700 Kennedy Avenue, Northern Cambria.

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