

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**May 8, 2025**

**Ebensburg, PA**

**April 24, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**April 25, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**April 28, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**April 29, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**April 30, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**May 1, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**May 2, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**May 5, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**May 6, 2025**

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

**Ebensburg, PA**

**May 7, 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 Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, at 10:00 a.m.**

### **Public Comment:**

**John DeBartola spoke regarding the hiring of the new Highway Safety Coordinator, a Proclamation for Pride Month, and the County's Agreement to give the Heritage Association, f/k/a the Johnstown Area Heritage Association, \$50,000.00.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held April 24, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.**

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

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

- 1. May 5, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. May 6, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.**

**Proclamation:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month – May 2025.**

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

**Grant:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve applying for an Amendment to Subgrant No. 2023-ID-ST-44282, with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, in the amount of \$102,156.00, to be used for a Case Management System in the Public Defender’s Office.**

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

**Amendment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement No. 4100086589 with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to extend the term of the Grant Agreement to December 31, 2025.**

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

**Agreements:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement for payment to James Kleban, for Veterans Affairs benefits, in the amount of \$3,732.00.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement for payment to the Heritage Association, f/k/a Johnstown Area Heritage Association, for funding previously assigned in 2022, in the amount of \$50,000.00.**

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

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve five (5) Service Contract Amendments for Cambria County BHDS Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Beginnings, Inc.	Provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy including any special instructions and social work, for the Early Intervention Program.	From \$220,000.00 To \$285,000.00
Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber	Social work along with occupational, speech, and physical therapies for those identified in the Early Intervention Program.	From \$90,000.00 To \$106,000.00
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	Services for family-based mental health, psychiatric outpatient, and services for intellectual disability assessments, including psychological evaluations and autism diagnostic observation schedule.	From \$20,000.00 To \$27,300.00
Leaps & Bounds Developmental Services, LLC	Early intervention initial and annual evaluations.	From \$100,000.00 To \$104,000.00
Pediatric Therapy, LLC	Provide pediatric physical/occupational therapies, speech therapy, social work, and special instruction for behavior, hearing, and vision.	From \$575,000.00 To \$697,250.00

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

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CamTran	Advertising – 12 months of 10 displays.	\$9,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve four (4) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maintenance Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable Admin</u>	<u>Unallowable Admin</u>	<u>Admin Rate</u>
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BA	Supported Foster Care – Supported Enhancement FC/KC	\$89.06/day	\$34.76	\$53.15	\$1.15	\$54.30
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BB	Medically Needy Level 1	\$74.97/day	\$42.53	\$31.76	\$0.68	\$32.44
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BI	Medically Needy Level 2	\$74.97/day	\$52.83	\$21.67	\$0.47	\$22.14
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BC	Medically Needy Level 3	\$80.12/day	\$72.48	\$7.48	\$0.16	\$ 7.64
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BK	Medically Needy Level 4	\$89.36/day	\$89.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BD	Traditional Foster/Kinship Care Lower-Level FC/KC (Ages 0-12)	\$77.47/day	\$25.75	\$50.63	\$1.09	\$51.72
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BL	Lower-Level FC/KC (Ages 13-21)	\$82.75/day	\$30.90	\$50.76	\$1.09	\$51.85
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maintenance Rate</u>	<u>Title IV-E Allowable Admin</u>	<u>Unallowable Admin</u>	<u>Admin Rate</u>
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BE	Supported Foster/Kinship Care Young Parent/Non-Dependent Infant	\$103.34/day	\$50.33	\$51.90	\$1.11	\$53.01
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BS	Treatment Foster Care (Ages 0-12)	\$175.00/day	\$70.00	\$85.70	\$19.30	\$105.00
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BT	Treatment Foster Care (Ages 13-21)	\$175.00/day	\$70.00	\$85.70	\$19.30	\$105.00
450390	BA	Supported Foster Care – Supported Enhancement FC/KC – SPECIFIC FOR SIBLINGS AH – 00016371 CH – 00016372 DH - 00016373	\$96.69	\$50.00	\$45.70	\$0.99	\$46.69
		Extraordinary Transportation	\$.58 cents/mile				
		TBRI	\$94.36/our				
		Supervised Visitation	\$94.36/hour				
		Path to Permanency	\$23.59/15 minutes				
Community Specialists Corporation d/b/a The Academy							
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>				
	SH	New Outlook General Residential	\$330.23/day				
	NM	New Outlook Drug and Alcohol	\$388.44/day				
	SP	New Outlook Shelter	\$408.98/day				
	SS	New Outlook Specialized Settings	\$423.70/day				
	AC	New Outlook Enhanced Support Program	\$1,219.00/day				
		Psychiatric Evaluation *	\$472.65				
Appalachian Youth Services, Inc.							
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>				
328870	KY	Kathy’s House	\$230.48/day				
340230	SH	Sutton House	\$296.47/day				

Computer Aid, Inc. (CAI)	
Service Provided	Rate
Professional Fiscal Consulting Services: (Up to a total of 720 hours)	\$110.00/hour maximum of \$79,200.00

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 2025-2026.

Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center, Ohio	
Service Provided	Rate
Detention space & services as needed.	\$225.00/day per bed
Detention beds for juveniles charged as adults.	\$300.00/day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Change Order:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Change Order of Gittings Protective Security, for additional security work at Magistrate Prebish’s Office, in the amount of \$4,440.00, for a project total of \$42,280.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Megan Bearer, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$38,302.13 [1820 hours] annually), effective May 12, 2025. (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 Rager to hire Jean Moore, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Price’s Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), effective May 12, 2025. (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 Rager to hire Brad Spaid, Per-Diem DUI Instructor for Court’s Special Administration, (Paygrade 32-W/\$100.00 [1000 hours] per class), effective April 28, 2025. (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 Rager to hire Morgan West, Full-Time Investigator for the District Attorney’s Office, (Paygrade 24-A/\$13.00 [1820 hours] per hour), effective May 12, 2025. (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 Rager to hire the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer I’s for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective May 12, 2025. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

**Bradley Mahan  
Nicolas Pacconi  
Robert Harriman  
Roy Mohr**

**Camden Stewart  
Lacey Scribe  
Ernest Miller, Jr.  
Tristan Albert**

**Austin Malenich  
Jason Dunbar  
Kaleb Popson**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Kevin McQuillan, Full-Time Caseworker I for BHDS, (Paygrade 41-E/\$40,131.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 13, 2025. (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 Rager to hire Loreen Bencie, Per-Diem Highway Safety Project Coordinator for Highway Safety, (Paygrade 30-E/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective May 12, 2025, through October 1, 2026. (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 Rager to hire Carmelo Furnari, Full-Time Counselor for the Prison, (Paygrade 32-K/\$25.42 [2080 hours] per hour), effective May 12, 2025. (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 Rager to transfer Terrill Simms, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$46,532.75 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Intake Supervisor for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 57-G/\$51,186.03 [1820 hours] annually), effective May 12, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Krista Jones, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$66,156.32 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Caseworker I for BHDS, (Paygrade 41-E/\$40,131.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 12, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Brandi Yeckley, Full-time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 54-F/\$55,450.12 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Casework Supervisor for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 61-E/\$60,995.22 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 12, 2025.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Isaac Thomas, Full-Time Sheriff's Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$18.67 [2080 hours] per hour), effective May 3, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jude Tenerowicz, Per-Diem DUI Instructor for Court's Special Administration, (Paygrade 32-W/\$100.00 [1000 hours] per class), effective April 21, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Elizabeth Hajduk, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$38,921.53 [1820 hours] annually), effective April 30, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Leigh Ann Walk, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$29,250.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 1, 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, May 22, 2025, 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.**

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**Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk**