

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

May 22, 2025

Ebensburg, PA

May 8, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 9, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 12, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 13, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 14, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 15, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 16, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 19, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 20, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 21, 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 10:02 a.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held May 8, 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 19, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. May 19, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.**

Proclamations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Proclamation for National Emergency Medical Services Week – May 18, 2025, through May 24, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Proclamation recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Greater Johnstown Lodge No. 538 of Free and Accepted Masons.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Municipal Infrastructure Assistance Program:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve awarding the following amounts, from Act 89 Fee for Local Use Funds, to the listed municipalities:

Southmont Borough – Paving	\$20,400.00
Summerhill Township – Willow Beach Road	\$34,960.00
West Taylor Township – Iron Street Bridge	\$50,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve awarding \$626,010.00 to East Taylor Township, for the Hunt Road Bridge, from Act 13 Restricted Highway Use Funds.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Letters of Intent:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve authorizing a letter of intent be sent to Madison Energy Infrastructure, of McLean, Virginia, to install net-metered photovoltaic arrays, to power the Cambria County Prison and adjacent facilities, at a rate of 5.6 cents per kilowatt hour delivered.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve authorizing a letter of intent be sent to Solar Landscape, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, for a land-lease agreement to install photovoltaic arrays, on an estimated 35 acres at a rate of \$9,960.00 per megawatt (DC) collected at the site.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement, No. C000093878, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, in the amount of \$648,047.00, beginning May 22, 2025, and ending April 22, 2029.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Bill of Sale, Release, and Indemnity Agreement with the Western PA Regional Urban Search and Technical Rescue, to transfer a 2003 GMC Search and Rescue Truck.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve leasing four (4) parking spaces from the City of Johnstown, to be used by the District Attorney’s Office, at a rate of \$30.00 per space, per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions, to service and maintain the Genesis System, beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2028, in the amount of \$47,235.12 annually, pending Solicitor approval.

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 for Cambria County BHDS Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 st Summit Arena at the Cambria County War Memorial	Safe Place Initiatives will keep youth engaged and involved in positive activities throughout the community.	\$112,000.00

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.

Terry O'Hara, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist	
<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Individual Evaluations of Children, Adolescents, and Adults	\$600.00/per evaluation
Interactional/Bonding Evaluations	\$600.00/per evaluation
Court Testimony (includes preparation and testimony)	\$300.00/per hour
No-Show Fee (If there is not a cancellation 48 hours in advance)	\$150.00/per evaluation
Travel Fee	\$150.00/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 Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cambria County Transit Authority	Provide transportation to qualifying residents age 65 and older.	\$210,000.00 max

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.

Speak Write	
<u>Service Provided – Foreign Language Translation</u>	<u>Rate</u>
General Transcription	\$.015/word
Legal Transcription	\$.015/word
Multi- Speaker Transcription	\$0.0225/word
Spanish Translation	\$9.00/audio minute

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Credit:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 2025 tax credit to CK Capital, LLC, Tax Map No. 08-021.-152.000, in the amount of \$10,685.67.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Appeal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, filed at No. 2023-3140.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreement Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the amount due to 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, from \$30,600.00 to \$31,000.00. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held March 13, 2025).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Alivia Borlie, Per-Diem Clerk for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 003-T/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective May 12, 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 Sarah Balsinger, Full-Time Court Investigator for the Courts, (Paygrade 38-B/\$15.00 [1820 hours] per hour), effective May 27, 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 Joshua Little, Full-Time Adult Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$38,302.13 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 9, 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 Denise Adams, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$13.85 [1820 hours] per hour), effective May 27, 2025. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Kolbe Brothers, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$20.00 [1000 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective May 25, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer John Briel, Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.83 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$61,179.04 [2080 hours] annually), effective May 18, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Patti Koeck, Full-Time Clerk Typist II for BHDS, (Paygrade 15-L/\$30,712.50 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Clerk Typist III for BHDS, (Paygrade 21-C/\$32,248.06 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 23, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Cheryl Bennett, Full-Time Social Services Aide I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-V/\$30,225.00 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$43,192.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 27, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Brian Duman, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$25.32 [2080 hours] per hour), effective May 14, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Merlene Sanders, Full-Time Office Manager for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 36-A/\$43,589.00 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 7, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jeffrey Keiper, Full-Time Casework Supervisor for BHDS, (Paygrade 57-F/\$78,154.69 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 24, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve rescinding the hiring of Lacey Scribe, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective May 12, 2025. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held May 8, 2025).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

President Commissioner Hunt stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bottle Works AmeriServ Activities Center, 413 Third Avenue, Johnstown.

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