

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

June 26, 2025

Ebensburg, PA

June 12, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 13, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 16, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 17, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 18, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 19, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 20, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 23, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 24, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 25, 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 at Pavilion No. 10 at Duman Lake County Park, at 10:02 a.m.

Public Comment:

Controller Ed Cernic stated his concerns about the contracts for roof repair projects that were on the Commissioners' Agenda.

John DeBartola asked for an explanation on the tax appeal and the properties being sold to Vision Together 2025. He also commented on the Meeting starting at 10:02 a.m. due to the Agenda not being posted because of server issues and Controller Cernic's comments.

Dustin Greene spoke regarding Pride Month in Johnstown 2025.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held June 12, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. June 23, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
- 2. June 24, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve mileage reimbursement to Nathan Fisher, in the amount of \$2,182.60, as a one-time payment based on unique circumstances related to training attendance.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Policy and Procedure:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection Form, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, with regard to selecting a bridge engineer.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Municipal Infrastructure Assistance Program:

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

Ehrenfeld Borough – Mt. Carmel Drive Paving	\$14,712.50
Geistown Borough – Bedford Street Stormwater	\$67,750.00
Middle Taylor Township – Kepple Road	\$45,000.00
Northern Cambria Borough – Cottonwood Street Bridge	\$11,800.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve awarding up to \$990,000.00 to East Taylor Township, for the Hinkston Run Road Bridge, from Act 13 Restricted Highway Use Funds.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Deeds:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Deed to purchase property from the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, identified as UPI No. 76-002.-103.000, for the amount of \$1.00, to sell, at fair market value, in accordance with 16 Pa. C.S.A. Section 16106, to the non-profit Vision Together 2025, for the amount of \$6,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Deed to purchase property from the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, identified as UPI No. 76-002.-104.000, for the amount of \$1.00, to sell, at fair market value, in accordance with 16 Pa. C.S.A. Section 16106, to the non-profit Vision Together 2025, for the amount of \$1,800.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Deed to purchase property from the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, identified as UPI No. 76-002.-105.000, for the amount of \$1.00, to sell, at fair market value, in accordance with 16 Pa. C.S.A. Section 16106, to the non-profit Vision Together 2025, for the amount of \$3,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Deed to purchase property from the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, identified as UPI No. 76-002.-106.000, for the amount of \$1.00, to sell, at fair market value, in accordance with 16 Pa. C.S.A. Section 16106, to the non-profit Vision Together 2025, for the amount of \$3,600.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Deed to purchase property from the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, identified as UPI No. 76-002.-107.000, for the amount of \$1.00, to sell, at fair market value, in accordance with 16 Pa. C.S.A. Section 16106, to the non-profit Vision Together 2025, for the amount of \$3,700.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Deed to purchase property from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Johnstown, identified as UPI No. 76-002.-108.000, for the amount of \$1.00, to sell, at fair market value, in accordance with 16 Pa. C.S.A. Section 16106, to the non-profit Vision Together 2025, for the amount of \$3,700.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Proposal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Proposal of O.Z. Enterprises, LLC, Co-Stars No. 028-E23-040, to furnish and install hardware and software, on the first floor of the Central Park Complex, for necessary heating and air conditioning upgrades and monitoring, in the amount of \$246,885.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Amendment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Contract Modification to the Agreement with Site & Stream, LLC, for the Victor No. 10 Mine Discharge Pipeline Project, extending the contract end date from June 30, 2025, to July 18, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with David M. Maines Associates, Inc., Co-Stars No. 008-E22-941, to provide upgrades and repairs to the Courthouse roof, in the amount of 3,808,864.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with David M. Maines Associates, Inc., Co-Stars No. 008-E22-941, to provide roof repairs to the Central Park Complex Building, in the amount of \$490,280.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Agreement No. 2021JOCC-26 with Clark Contractors, Inc., through Gordian, to provide roof repairs to the Long-Term Structured Residence Building, (LTSR), in the amount of \$128,874.72.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance with the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Managed Care Operations, to provide transportation services, in accordance with the Medical Assistance Transportation Program, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve thirteen (13) Service Contract Amendments for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Gateway Rehabilitation Center	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Renewal, Inc.	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
LaRocco Counseling, Inc.	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Firetree, Ltd.	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Spiritlife, Inc.	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Community Guidance Center	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Twin Lakes	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
BGI of Brandywine, LLC, d/b/a Bowling Green Brandywine	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Clearbrook Treatment Centers, LLC, d/b/a Huntington Creek Recovery Center	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
White Deer Run, LLC	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change
Independent Family Services, Inc.	Same as originally approved. Extending contract term until 12/31/25.	No change

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County BHDS Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
accessAbilities, Inc.	Provide occupational, physical, and speech therapy, along with special instruction, including special instruction for nutrition, vision, and behavior, with regard to the Cambria County Early Intervention Program.	\$25,000.00
Beginnings, Inc.	Provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy, including any special instructions and social work for the Early Intervention Program.	\$275,000.00
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	Provide 24/7 mobile crisis interventions services, immediate response to individuals and families seeking mental health crisis intervention for diversion from local emergency departments.	\$375,891.00
Simply Speech Therapy, LLC	Provides both pediatric speech pathology and the evaluation for such.	\$10,000.00
Women’s Help Center	Offer a shelter contingency plan for the homeless that are not appropriate for the Women’s Help Center communal family shelter.	\$100,000.00
Global Wordsmiths	Language translation and interpretation services.	\$5,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve eight (8) Service Contracts for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Care Smart Solutions	Personal Care and Home Support	\$100,000.00 max
MedStaffers	Personal Care and Home Support	\$30,000.00 max
Joseph Messina, Esquire	Legal Consulting	\$30,000.00 max
ADT, LLC	Personal Emergency Response Systems	\$70,000.00 max
Christina Grove, RN	Protective Service Consulting	\$3,000.00 max
Nealen Personal Care, Inc.	Personal Care and Home Support	\$125,000.00 max
Nutrition, Inc.	Lease for Senior Activities Centers	\$1.00 annually
Raymond Arcurio	Ombudsman	\$39,220.00 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve seven (7) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Cambria County War Memorial Authority	Intervention-Advertising of treatment services at 1 st Summit Arena and North Central Recreation Center.	\$9,500.00
Westmont Hilltop School District	Provide Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) student workbooks to elementary grade levels 3, 4, and 5.	\$1,980.00

Bishop McCort Catholic Academy	Provide Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) student workbooks to elementary grade levels 3, 4, and 5.	\$825.00
Sinclair Television of Fresno, LLC, d/b/a WJAC-TV	Intervention-Advertising of treatment services.	\$36,000.00
7 Mountains Media	Intervention-Advertising of treatment services.	\$35,000.00
Susquehanna Software, Inc.	CPR web software annual maintenance fee.	\$50,400.00
Educational Development Software	Provide participating Cambria County School Districts with the aSAP! Student Assistance Program web-based software.	\$16,392.00

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.

Bethany Christian Services (BCS) of Central Pennsylvania					
Cert No.	Services Provided	Levels/Unit ID	Per Diem Rate	Allowable Admin	Allowable Maintenance
363470 331220 330570 332780	Limited case management services for a child in placement who experiences an acute behavioral health hospitalization beyond a stay of five days. During this time, BCS staff and foster parents may participate in treatment team meetings, discharge planning for the child during and leading up into their discharge, including planning for the transition to a higher level of care, if warranted. Consulting psychologist and coaching staff may also provide oversight and supervision and may participate in planning meetings. Child would have access to their BCS therapist, if assigned, and foster parents will maintain access to their parent-coaching specialist to consult on hospital and treatment issues.	Authorized Absence Rate	\$91.72	\$61.67	\$30.05
363470 331220 330570 332780	Foster care for children birth to two years of age, (up to 35 months). Monthly visits from BCS caseworker. Reunification and/or SWAN services can be provided with referral. Children have no medical or behavioral needs at this time.	Level 1 AC	\$75.94	\$55.94	\$20.00
363470 331220 330570 332780	Foster care for children between the ages of birth and eighteen years of age. These children have a low acuity of behavioral, mental health, mental retardation, and/or physical challenges that are well controlled with or without medication. Intervention services are provided in the school setting. Monthly visits from BCS caseworker. Reunification and/or SWAN services can be provided with referral.	Level 2 BC	\$79.88	\$55.88	\$24.00
363470 331220 330570 332780	Foster care for children between birth and eighteen years of age. These children will have minimal behavioral, mental health, mental retardation, physical aggression and/or physical challenges where a single supportive service is needed, recommended to promote development. Therapeutic/supportive intervention is defined as medication management, outpatient counseling, wrap-around services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, early intervention services, and speech therapy. Monthly visits from BCS caseworker. Reunification and/or SWAN services can be provided with referral.	Level 3 CC	\$103.12	\$67.04	\$36.08
363470 331220 330570 332780	Foster care for children between the ages of birth and eighteen years of age. These children will have moderate behavioral, mental health, mental retardation, physical challenges, physical aggression, and/or multiple mental health diagnoses requiring increased supportive services. BCS caseworker will identify and refer for appropriate services to ensure all needs are met. Biweekly visits from caseworker are maintained. Multiple therapeutic intervention services are necessary to meet physical, emotional, or psychiatric needs of the child. Service plan reviewed and updated quarterly. Reunification and/or SWAN services can be provided with referral.	Level 4 DC	\$169.14	\$125.13	\$44.01
363470 331220 330570 332780	Foster care for children between the ages of birth and twenty-one years of age. These children will be displaying physical aggression, diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder, diagnosed on the Autism spectrum, or diagnosed with multiple mental health/behavioral health diagnoses requiring supportive services in all settings. Any child coming from a failed adoption situation or a child stepping down from a congregate care facility or treatment facility. BCS caseworker will identify and refer for appropriate services to ensure all needs are met. Visits from caseworker a minimum of three times per month with support as needed to resource family for provision of supportive services. Multiple services and therapeutic interventions are required to meet needs of the child and ensure permanency. Service plan reviewed and updated quarterly. Reunification and/or SWAN services can be provided with referral.	Level 5 EC	\$220.49	\$167.74	\$52.75
363470 331220 330570 332780	Kinship 1 - Ages 0 -21. Children placed in a kinship situation. These children have a low acuity of behavioral, mental health, mental retardation, and/or physical challenges that are well controlled with or without medication. Family requires typical training on parenting special needs children.	Kinship 1 LC	\$93.44	\$69.44	\$24.00
363470 331220 330570 332780	Kinship 2 - Ages 0 - 21. Children placed in a kinship situation. These children moderate acuity of behavioral, mental health, mental retardation, and/or physical or medical challenges that are controlled with or without medication. Training and support beyond normal scope is required for kinship parents to meet the special needs of the children placed in their home.	Kinship 2 MC	\$178.88	\$138.88	\$40.00
363470 331220 330570 332780	Foster care for children between the ages of birth and twenty- one years of age. Children eligible for medical foster care services mandates a child must be eligible to receive Medical Assistance (MA) funded foster care services to be enrolled in medical assistance, have been diagnosed by a licensed practitioner as having a special or chronic medical condition or physical disability and require medical foster care services to remain in a foster care placement that is less restrictive than an institution or hospital. The board rate is reimbursed by MA.	Medical 1 FC	\$89.62	\$64.62	\$25.00/ \$19.36 covered by MA
		Medical 2 GC	\$105.83	\$70.83	\$35.00/ \$29.66 covered by MA
		Medical 3 HC	\$112.17	\$62.86	\$49.31
		Medical 4 IC	\$133.67	\$56.67	\$77.00 \$10.81 County/ \$66.19 MA

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve appointing Joanna Kuhne, RN, MSN, to the Cambria County BHDS Advisory Board, for a 3-year term, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Appeal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Settlement by Stipulation in the tax appeal of Hoss's Restaurant Operations, Inc., filed at No. 2024-3704.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Darla Brown, Full-Time Legal Secretary for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 23-C/\$22.54 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Office Manager for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 36-A/\$43,589.00 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 23, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Christina Contres, Full-Time Clerk Typist I/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-E/\$12.68 [1820 hours] per hour), effective June 12, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Andrew Litvin, Sr., Full-Time Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 24-A/\$19.64 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 8, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Debra Farrell, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$27.16 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 1, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Natalie Snyder, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 5-B/\$12.96 [1820 hours] per hour), effective June 28, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Shane Davis, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$26.86 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 1, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Mackenzie Kinter, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective June 23, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Tristan Albert, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective June 20, 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, July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse.

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