

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

October 9, 2025

Ebensburg, PA
September 25, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 26, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 29, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
September 30, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 1, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 2, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 3, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 6, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 7, 2025
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA
October 8, 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, at 10:03 a.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held September 25, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. October 6, 2025, meetings with Agency Department Heads and Human Resources.

2. October 7, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Ameriserv Bank for the General Obligation Draw-Down Note, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000.00, at a tax-exempt fixed rate of 4.49%, prepayable at any time with no penalty, \$0.00 upfront commitment fee and \$2,500.00 legal fee from the bank.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Ordinance:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve adopting Ordinance No. 2 of 2025 authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a General Obligation Note, in the principal amount not-to-exceed \$8,500,000.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Amendments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Tyler Technologies, dated June 2, 2022, to remove the following unused services from said Agreement:

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| 1. Human Resources – PM Action History Conversion | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2. Payroll – Accumulators Conversion | \$ 500.00 |
| 3. Payroll – Check History Conversion | \$ 500.00 |
| 4. Payroll – Earning/Deduction History Conversion | \$ 875.00 |
| 5. Sixty (60) Onsite Implementation Hours | \$13,500.00 |

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Addendum to the Tower Lease Agreement with In the Stix Broadband, LLC, dated November 18, 2021, to address the cost of electric services at certain tower locations.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the 2025 Provisional Ballot Affidavit Redesign Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending November 4, 2025, at an amount up to \$500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Natural Gas Base Contract with United Green Energy, beginning November 1, 2025, and ending October 31, 2027, at a rate of \$4.083/DTH.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve executing Exhibit A-2 to the Site License Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Pennsylvania State Police, to enable the County to utilize a tower located at 285 Tower Road, Portage, 15946.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Tyler Technologies to allow for Remote Implementation Hours, for the County’s accounting software system, at a rate of \$16,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contract (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Human Services Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1023 Group, Inc.	Provide support and services to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to include, but not limited to, general fiscal and clerical services.	\$25,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve exonerating taxes, penalties, interest, and fees on property located at 213-215 Oak Street, East Conemaugh Borough, Tax Map No. 22-005.-303.000, in the amount of \$1,648.50, contingent upon purchase by East Conemaugh Borough.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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/Buyers Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Exonerate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
29-118787	29-000.-104.001	Cambria County Redevelopment Authority	Franklin Borough	2022-2024 taxes. Sold to CCRA at 8/4/25 Private Sale.	\$641.95
29-020018	29-002.-114.000	Cambria County Redevelopment Authority	Franklin Borough	2021-2024 taxes. Sold to CCRA at 8/4/25 Private Sale.	\$8,991.98
73-000348	73-001.-403.000	Johnstown Redevelopment Authority	Johnstown 3 rd Ward	2015-2024 taxes. Sold to JRA at 8/4/25 Private Sale.	\$17,211.37
73-000362	73-001.-402.000	Johnstown Redevelopment Authority	Johnstown 3 rd Ward	2017-2024 taxes. Sold to JRA at 8/4/25 Private Sale.	\$66,453.30
79-001091	76-003.-151.000	Johnstown Redevelopment Authority	Johnstown 6 th Ward	2020-2024 taxes. Sold to JRA at 8/4/25 Private Sale.	\$24,063.62
87-010475	87-008.-300.00	Johnstown Redevelopment Authority	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2012-2024 taxes. Sold to JRA at 8/4/25 Private Sale.	\$27,772.16

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Reappointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve reappointing Dave Minnear to the Cambria County Solid Waste Authority, for a 5-year term, beginning February 1, 2025, and ending February 1, 2030.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Credit Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the 2025 tax credit to CK Capital, LLC, Tax Map No. 08-021.-152.000, in the amount of \$10,685.67. This will now be approved as a 2025 tax refund, due to the timing of the original approval. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners’ Meeting held on May 22, 2025).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Support Staff 2C, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Professional Staff 2D, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Professional/Supervisory 2E, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with SEIU Local 668 P.S.S.U., Human Services Support Staff Supervisors 2F, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Zabrina Deyarmin, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-A/\$12.58 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 13, 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 Becca Houghton, Full-Time Legal Secretary for Juvenile Court, (Paygrade 23-C/\$14.06 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 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 Dena Hill, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 9-G/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 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 Patricia Reed, Per-Diem Grant Administrator/Rapid DNA for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 36-N/\$20.00 [770 hours] per hour), effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. (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 Connie Watson, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$12.82 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 13, 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 Lindsay Scott, Full-Time Prison Counselor for the Prison, (Paygrade 32-K/\$25.42 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 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 Joel Polites, Jr., Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$52,122.56 [1820 hours] annually), effective October 13, 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 Harry Plummer, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$27.16 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.83 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 14, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Twila Motchenbaugh, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 11-E/\$15.51 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Magistrate Clerk Supervisor for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 21-F/\$17.67 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 27, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Allyson Shroyer, Full-Time Account Clerk II for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 11-A/\$15.57 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 9, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Joshua Ridenour, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 25, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Martin Daughenbaugh, Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.78 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 10, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove John Radyk, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective September 25, 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, October 23, 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.

Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk