

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

October 23, 2025

Ebensburg, PA
October 9, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 10, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 13, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 14, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 15, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 16, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 17, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 20, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 21, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 22, 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 October 9, 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 20, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. October 21, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the following rental rates and cancellation guidelines for Duman Lake County Park, effective November 1, 2025.

Pavilions

Small (Nos. 5, 6, 7, 11, and 13) (50 to 60 people)	\$80.00
Medium (Nos. 1, 3, 4, 12, and 14) (60 to 80 people)	\$85.00
Large (Nos. 8, 9, and 10) (80 to 150 people)	\$95.00
X-Large (No. 2) (150 to 220 people)	\$100.00

<u>RV Pads</u> (Nos. 1 through 6) (water and electric)	\$55.00 per night
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<u>Tent Camping</u>	\$50.00 per night
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Sports Equipment

Horseshoes	\$10.00 per day
Volleyball Setup	\$10.00 per day

<u>Dump Station</u> (non-renters)	\$25.00 per one (1) unload
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Cancellations

Cancellations made within 30 days or less of the rental date	No refund
Cancellations made between 31 and 60 days of the rental date	50% refund
Cancellations made over 61 days from the rental date	100% refund

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for Fiscal Year 2025 Funds, under the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program, for Cambria County, and an application on behalf of the entitlement Townships of Adams, Cambria, and Jackson.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Resolution to Amend the Certificate of Incorporation of the Cambria County Solid Waste Management Authority, to extend the existence of the Authority for an additional fifty (50) years, beginning on October 23, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan Update, being effective from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2035.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Lease:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to table approving 5-year Extension Agreement with Adelphoi Village, conditioned upon Solicitor final terms and conditions, as reviewed and approved.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Bill of Sale, Release, and Indemnity Agreement with the Johnstown Police Department to transfer possession of a prison toilet/sink combo.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Pitt Bull Secure Technologies to provide IT services, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending March 1, 2028, at a rate of \$14,892.31 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Loan Agreement with David Davis allowing him to borrow certain historical items that were previously located at the Old Cambria County Jail.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the renewal of the Snow Removal Agreement with Empire Lawn Care and Seasonal Services, LLC, to perform snow removal services at the Central Park Complex, for the 2025-2026 snow season, at a rate of \$210.00 per plowing.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Ridgetop Cleaning to perform cleaning services for District Court No. 47-3-03, at a rate of \$120.00 per week.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Environmental Treatment Services, LLC, to provide supervision of the wastewater treatment facility at Duman Lake County Park, at a rate of \$950.00 per month, for months of operation, (April through October).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the following Municipal Solid Waste Capacity Agreements, beginning January 1, 2026.

<u>Owner/Operator</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>
Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Community Refuse Service, LLC
Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Laurel Highlands Landfill, Inc.
Waste Management, Inc.	USA Valley Facility, Inc. (Valley Landfill)
Noble Environmental	Southern Alleghenies Landfill, Inc.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Integrated Solid Waste Management Remittance Agreement with Community Refuse Service, LLC, wherein Community Refuse Service, LLC, will pay the County \$1.00 per ton on each ton of county-generated municipal waste delivered to the Facility, for which a tipping fee is assessed.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Municipal Solid Waste Host Benefit Fee Agreement with Laurel Highlands Landfill, Inc., wherein Laurel Highlands Landfill, Inc., will pay the County \$1.00 per ton on each ton of municipal waste delivered to the Facility, for which a tipping fee is assessed.

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 Amendment for Cambria County BHDS Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Service Access & Management, Inc.	Provide supports coordination to individuals of Cambria County in accordance with ODP Support Coordination Services Bulletin No. 00-10-06.	From: \$30,000.00 To: \$31,500.00

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 Services Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Adoption Connection, PA

<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID Service Provided</u>	<u>Per-Diem Rate</u>
411680	KC Kinship Foster Family 0-21 Years Old with Mild Issues	\$83.60
411680	YF Enhanced: Infant-12 Years Old with Mild Issues	\$94.60
411680	OF Enhanced 13-21 Years Old with Mild Issues	\$99.60
411680	PT Parenting Teen: 13-19 Years Old with Infant	\$117.74
411680	YT Therapeutic: 3-12 Years Old with Moderate to Severe Issues	\$124.59
411680	OT Therapeutic: 13-19 Years Old with Moderate to Severe Issues	\$129.83

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County BHDS Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peer Empowerment Network	Consumer Drop-In Center, which promotes consumer participation in meetings, task forces, and/or committees.	\$200,000.00
Service Access & Management, Inc.	Provide supports coordination to individuals of Cambria County in accordance with ODP Support Coordination Services Bulletin No. 00-10-06.	\$98,150.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Proposal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the proposal of Iron Data Works to install a camera system in the Cambria County Courthouse, with a total project cost of \$45,256.79, including maintenance for a 5-year period, but excluding any conduit or raceway that may be needed, with funds being provided by the Court’s reimbursement for the Common Pleas Essential Security Equipment Project Plan, from the AOPC Judicial District Security funds, and pending Solicitor final review.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the following tax refunds for Berwind Corporation:

<u>Tax Map No.</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total 2020- 2025</u>
16-001. -009.000	\$25.61	\$25.61	\$23.70	\$23.31	\$23.31	\$23.31	\$144.85
16-001. -010.000	\$21.01	\$21.01	\$19.44	\$19.13	\$19.13	\$19.13	\$118.85
16-001. -011.000	\$11.82	\$11.82	\$10.94	\$10.76	\$10.76	\$10.76	\$66.86
16-001. -012.000	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$20.05	\$19.73	\$19.73	\$19.73	\$122.58
16-001. -013.000	\$6.57	\$6.57	\$6.08	\$5.98	\$5.98	\$5.98	\$37.16
16-001. -015.000	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.25	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$25.99
16-001. -021.000	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$20.05	\$19.73	\$19.73	\$19.73	\$122.58
16-001. -023.000	\$11.82	\$11.82	\$10.94	\$10.76	\$10.76	\$10.76	\$66.86
16-001. -024.000	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.82	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$11.13
16-001. -029.000	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.25	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$25.99
16-001. -031.000	\$5.25	\$5.25	\$4.86	\$4.78	\$4.78	\$4.78	\$29.70
16-001. -033.000	\$48.59	\$48.59	\$44.96	\$44.24	\$44.24	\$44.27	\$274.89
16-001. -035.000	\$32.17	\$32.17	\$29.77	\$29.29	\$29.29	\$29.29	\$181.98
16-001. -036.000	\$17.07	\$17.07	\$15.80	\$15.54	\$15.54	\$15.54	\$96.56
16-001. -037.000	\$13.79	\$13.79	\$12.76	\$12.55	\$12.55	\$12.55	\$77.99
16-001. -204.000	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.82	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$11.13
17-001. -002.000	\$23.64	\$23.64	\$21.87	\$21.52	\$21.52	\$21.52	\$133.71
17-001. -003.000	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.25	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$25.99
17-001. -004.000	\$2.63	\$2.63	\$2.43	\$2.39	\$2.39	\$2.39	\$14.86
17-001. -047.000	\$9.19	\$9.19	\$8.51	\$8.37	\$8.37	\$8.37	\$52.00
16-001. -127.000	\$39.40	\$39.40	\$36.46	\$35.87	\$35.87	\$35.87	\$222.87
17-001. -016.000	\$53.18	\$53.18	\$49.22	\$48.42	\$48.42	\$48.42	\$300.84
	<u>\$382.82</u>	<u>\$382.82</u>	<u>\$354.23</u>	<u>\$348.49</u>	<u>\$348.49</u>	<u>\$348.52</u>	<u>\$2,165.37</u>

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Benjamin Shovestull, Full-Time Temporary Accounting Assistant I for the Controller's Office, (Paygrade 11-D/\$13.26 [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 Stephanie Howling, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$29,250.00 [1950 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Ronald Kauffman, Per-Diem Election Worker for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-S/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective October 27, 2025, through November 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 Dallen Selders, Per-Diem Election Worker for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-S/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective October 27, 2025, through November 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 James Frieben, Per-Diem Election Worker for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-S/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective October 27, 2025, through November 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 Nastasja Banks, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$52,122.56 [1820 hours] annually), effective October 27, 2025. . (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kaylyn Piper, Full-Time Telecommunicator I for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$18.45 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 24, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Shawn Fagan, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 12, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Allaina Long, Full-Time UPI Assistant/Clerk III for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 16-C/\$15.47 [1820 hours] per hour), effective November 15, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Aniyah King, Full-Time Caseworker I for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$42,137.55 [1950 hours] annually), effective November 1, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Laura Twigg, Full-Time Accountant I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-H/\$41,125.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective October 14, 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, November 20, 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