

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**November 20, 2025**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 23, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 24, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 27, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 28, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

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

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
October 31, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 4, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 5, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

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

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 10, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 11, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 12, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

**Ebensburg, PA  
November 13, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.**

Ebensburg, PA  
November 14, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
November 17, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
November 18, 2025  
Commissioners Scott W. Hunt, Keith Rager, and Thomas C. Chernisky present.

Ebensburg, PA  
November 19, 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 10:05 a.m.

**Public Comment:**

John DeBartola brought up a complaint he has regarding the collection of the business privilege tax in the City of Johnstown. He also commented that the State of the County would be coming up. He questioned how truthful the Commissioners would be regarding the current financial situation of the County. Lastly, he brought up the 2030 census and asked if the County knew where it was going to stand with regard to population.

Lisa Crynock, Prothonotary, read a statement on behalf of Cindy Perrone, Register of Wills. Ms. Perrone relayed her disappointment with not being able to fill a vacant position in her office. She currently has people out of the office, and she feels that she does not have the staff necessary to have the office run efficiently.

Eva Shevock, First Deputy to the Prothonotary, stated that she feels there is favoritism in allowing the row offices to fill positions. She believes this is wrong and unethical, as all row offices have important functions and should be treated equally.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held October 23, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

1. November 17, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. November 18, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a local capital match for the Cambria County Transit Authority, for fiscal year 2025-2026, in the amount of \$27,017.00, with a credit of \$20,150.00, for a total due of \$6,867.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve proceeding with marketing and advertising for the sale of County-owned property located at 209 South Center Street, Ebensburg, by sealed proposals, with said proposals being due on or before January 30, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve proceeding with marketing and advertising for the sale of County-owned property located at 499 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, by sealed proposals, with said proposals being due on or before January 30, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**GIS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the following fees to be collected by the GIS Department, beginning January 1, 2026:

**Technical Service Rates:**

\$1.00/page	Convert Large Format Scan to Digital Format (PDF)
\$40.00/hour	Custom Cartographic Production (Nonstandard Map)
\$65.00/hour	GIS Analysis/Processing
\$85.00/hour	Project Development (Database, GIS Tool/Function Design, Web Project, Mission Plan, etc.)
\$100.00/hour	Data Acquisition-Street/Interior Data Collection (Per Unit Deployed*)
\$160.00/hour	Data Acquisition-UAV Aerial Data Collection (Per Unit Deployed*)

\* Additional rates may apply per mission/deployment.

**GIS data rates\*1:**

\$700.00	GIS Data Per Layer (Full County Coverage)
\$1.00	GIS Data Per Square Mile/Project Area Rates
\$500.00	Assessment Records (Full County Coverage)
\$0.01	Assessment Record (Per Record Matched to Parcels within Project Area)

\*1 GIS data or service exchange to reduce or waive fees is negotiable per project or request. All rates will be billed in full plus 25%, if exchange is not completed within 30 days of project completion.

**Print Rates (Per Page):**

\$0.50 - 8.5"x11"	Plain Paper (No Background Images)
\$2.00 - 8.5"x11"	Plain Paper (With Background Image/Map)
\$10.00 - 24"x36"	Plain Paper
\$30.00 - 24"x36"	Photo Paper

Digital output (PDF) of the map product is 50% of the cost listed above per page.

**Equipment Rental\*2:**

\$500.00/day	NavVis VLX
\$3,000.00/week	NavVis VLX (7 Consecutive Days Including Day of Acceptance)

\*3 Additional security deposit and agreement required.

**GIS Web Partnership\*3**

\$TBD Provider Rate Per SSAS	Group/User/Admin assistance for web GIS and administration assistance for projects paired with Cambria County GIS SSAS integrations.
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\*3 Additional hosting rates may apply with additional services/functions/storage fees.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the format of the Equipment Rental Agreement to be used by the GIS Department.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Grants:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve applying for Statewide Local Share Assessment Grants, from the Commonwealth Financing Authority, for the following entities and projects and in the following amounts:

1.	Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association – Outfit a New Training Facility	\$125,000.00
2.	Mount Aloysius College – ADA Improvements and Athletic Facility Upgrades	\$1,000,000.00
3.	Cambria County Prison – HVAC Improvements	\$150,000.00
4.	Cambria County Library – Library Café	\$243,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Resolutions:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Resolution by Municipality Certifying Provision of Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance, for the Cambria County Transit Authority, for fiscal year 2025-2026, in the amount of \$988,314.63.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed with a 2 to 1 vote. Commissioner Rager voted no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Local Match Resolution Certifying Responsibility of Municipality for Advertising Revenue Shortfall, for the Cambria County Transit Authority, for fiscal year 2025-2026, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 50-Year Resolution to apply for a Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund Public Library Facilities Grant, on behalf of the Cambria County Library, in the amount of \$293,700.00.**

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

**Property Transfer:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve transferring property identified as Tax Map Nos. 77-014.-202.000 and 77-011.-301.000 to Sandyvale Cemetery Association, Inc., for the amount of \$500.00, including transfer and recording fees.**

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

**Leases:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove from the table approving a Lease Extension Agreement with Adelphoi Village.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Lease Extension Agreement with Adelphoi Village, conditioned upon Solicitor final terms and conditions, as reviewed and approved.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Residential Lease with 609 Pine, LLC, for property located at 609 Pine Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Johnstown, beginning November 20, 2025, and ending November 20, 2026, in the amount of \$565.00 per month.**

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

**Amendment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Amendment No. 7 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement, No. 10074155000572021, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services.**

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

**Agreements:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the revised Agreement with Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority, d/b/a rabbittransit, and the Cambria County Transit Authority, to provide medical transportation, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, at a rate of \$46.02 per trip.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Photo Booth Lease Agreement between DNP Imagingcomm America Corporation and the Cambria County Prothonotary's Office, in order to provide passport photos, with no cost to the County.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with the Greater Johnstown School District to have the Cambria County Treasurer collect school taxes, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, at a rate of \$2.90 per parcel.**

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, for the Municipal Waste Planning Grant Program, in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the renewal Agreement with Timothy G. Caroff Title Abstracting to provide title abstract services for the Tax Claim Bureau, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, at a rate of \$225.00 per title search.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the UPMC Health Benefits, Inc., stop loss insurance renewal, the UPMC Health Plan renewals, and the UPMC Benefit Management renewal, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

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 Vince Arcurio, upon retirement, for the purchase of a firearm, at fair market value of \$275.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the revised Cambria County COSSUP Grant Agreement with Breaking the Barriers to house offenders and provide case management services for offenders, for the purposes of rehabilitation under the COSSUP Grant, being in effect through September 30, 2026, or until funds have been expensed for the program, pending Solicitor final review and assessment.

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 BHDS Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	Provide services for family-based mental health, psychiatric outpatient, and services for intellectual disability assessments, including psychological evaluations and autism diagnostic observation schedules.	\$30,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Exonerations:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve exonerating taxes for the following parcels owned by Berwind Corporation.

16-001.-009.000	16-001.-010.000	16-001.-011.000
16-001.-012.000	16-001.-013.000	16-001.-015.000
16-001.-021.000	16-001.-023.000	16-001.024.000
16-001.-029.000	16-001.-031.000	16-001.-033.000
16-001.-035.000	16-001.-036.000	16-001.-037.000
16-001.-204.000	17-001.-002.000	17-001.-003.000
17-001.-004.000	17-001.-047.000	16-001.-127.000
17-001.-016.000		

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Refund Correction:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve correcting the tax refund due to Berwind Corporation from \$2,165.37 to \$2,165.34, due to a \$.03 error in calculating Parcel No. 16-001.-033.000. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held October 23, 2025).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Christopher Wilson, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$13.10 [2080 hours] per hour), effective November 10, 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 Hunt to hire Sara McDermott, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Subich's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), effective November 10, 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 Hunt to hire Ashley Boyle, Full-Time Accountant I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 43-H/\$41,125.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective December 22, 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 Hunt to hire Mollie McCune, Full-Time Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 24-A/\$13.00 per hour), effective December 8, 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 Douglas Kimack, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$26.86 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.53 [2080 hours] per hour), effective November 2, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Jessica Paskowski, Full-Time Assistant District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 48-L/\$68,882.47 annually), to Full-Time First Assistant District Attorney and Major Crimes Unit for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 59-I/\$72,326.59 annually), effective December 22, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Vincent Arcurio, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$31.27 [2080 hours] per hour), effective November 22, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Nathan Jarvis, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$13.31 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 29, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Louis Kershishnik, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 29, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Breanna Kirsch, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$15.73 [1820 hours] per hour), effective November 5, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jaeanne Mikitko, Full-Time Head Clerk for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 28-B/\$14.67 [1820 hours] per hour), effective December 2, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Linda Reese, Full-Time Executive Assistant for the Courts, (Paygrade 49-B/\$45,980.48 [1820 hours] annually), effective December 6, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove William Scott, III, Full-Time Investigator for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 30-H/\$18.20 [1820 hours] per hour), effective December 6, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Thomas Swope, IV, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 5-B/\$12.96 [1820 hours] per hour), effective October 30, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove DeAnn Boback, Full-Time Account Clerk I/Float for Tax Claim, (Paygrade 5-C/\$13.15 [1820 hours] per hour), effective December 20, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Heath Long, Full-Time First Assistant District Attorney and Major Crimes Unit for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 59-I/\$80,709.72 [1820 hours] annually), effective December 20, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Sharon Kieta, Full-Time Caseworker I for BHDS, (Paygrade 41-E/\$40,131.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective October 28, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Brandon King, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 53-A/\$45,352.13 [1950 hours] annually), effective November 4, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Marci Bush, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$29,250.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective November 13, 2025.**

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

**Correction:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the removal date of Aniyah King, Full-Time Caseworker II for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$42,137.55 [1950 hours] annually), from November 1, 2025, to November 2, 2025. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held October 23, 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, December 4, 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**