

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

December 4, 2025

Ebensburg, PA  
November 20, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
November 21, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
November 24, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
November 25, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
November 26, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
November 27, 2025

Courthouse closed for Thanksgiving.

Ebensburg, PA  
November 28, 2025

Courthouse closed.

Ebensburg, PA  
December 1, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
December 2, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
December 3, 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:**

John DeBartola commented on the Engagement Letter with The Gallagher Firm, LLC, and asked what lawsuit it was regarding. He also commented on the tax appeals and asked how much money the County would be losing.

He stated that he received a copy of the County's proposed budget for 2026 and was shocked at the proposed tax increase. He asked why the Commissioners were not cutting costs and stated that he may file a Petition to block raising taxes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting held November 20, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

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

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the State Food Purchase Program Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture, beginning upon signature by the Commonwealth and ending September 28, 2026, in the amount of \$275,097.24.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, and Cottle’s Asphalt Maintenance, Inc., with regard to work performed on the Marra Road Bridge, (Bridge No. 12), and the Oak Street Bridge, (Bridge No. 21).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Engagement Letter with The Gallagher Firm, LLC, to act as special counsel with regard to Case No. 1:25-cv-00329, at a rate of \$200.00 per hour.

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 Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC	Maternal Addiction Resource Center – Case/Care Management and Recovery Support Services for Pregnant Women and Women with Children.	\$176,456.61

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.

<u>Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC</u>			
<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
		<u>Leadership Development Program – South Mountain</u>	
310320	LO	Abraxas Specialized Treatment Program	\$472.00/day
355310	CC	Abraxas South Mountain Shelter	\$462.62/day
		<u>Abraxas Youth Center – South Mountain</u>	
304420	CA	Secure Residential Treatment (ReSet/FS/SO)	\$444.25/day
		<u>Abraxas Academy – Morgantown</u>	
144040	AA	Secure Residential Treatment (HO/SO)	\$690.20/day
144050	AC	Detention (Pre-Purchased)	\$800.00/day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Appeals:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Petition to Settle by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Where Do You Summer, LLC, c/o Pennsylvania CVS Pharmacy, Inc., filed at No. 2025-4525.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of 1910 Minno Drive Holdings, LLC, filed at No. 2024-4589.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Tax Refund:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 2025 tax refund to LVF Property Development, LLC, Tax Map No. 50-026.-703.000, in the amount of \$1,055.30, per the Court Order entered at No. 2024-3964.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Proposal:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the proposal of The EADS Group, Inc., pursuant to Publication 93 procedures, to provide engineering services with regard to Cambria County bridge projects and improvements, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2030.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Correction:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve correcting the amount of the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant for Mount Aloysius College, for ADA improvements and athletic facility upgrades, from \$1,000,000.00 to \$669,900.00. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held November 20, 2025).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Lori Janosko, Full-Time Clerk Typist I/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-E/\$12.68 [1820 hours] 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Johanna Stock, Full-Time Grant Facilitator for the Commissioners' Office, (Paygrade 50-F/\$48,000.00 [1820 hours] annually), 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 Raymond Morris, Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.53 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$26.86 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 5, 2025.

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Anthony Markovich, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$25.32 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$27.53 [2080 hours] per hour), effective December 7, 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, December 18, 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**