

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

March 12, 2026

Ebensburg, PA
February 26, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 27, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 2, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 3, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 4, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 5, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 6, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 9, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 10, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA
March 11, 2026

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, Ebensburg, at 10:05 a.m.

Public Comment:

Reed Ludwig spoke regarding ICE and the Cambria County Prison.

Madeline Burrows stated that she does not want ICE in the County and that the program with the Prison should be ended.

William Dill stated that the County should not invite ICE into its neighborhoods.

N. Brisini spoke regarding the history of immigration and ICE, and he believes the County should distance itself from ICE.

Etta Albright provided information on a book that shows the inadequacy of how history is being taught in schools.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of February 26, 2026, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. March 9, 2026, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. March 10, 2026, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Proclamations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the following Proclamations: Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; Child Abuse Prevention Month; Dan Barefoot; Pennsylvania 4-H Week; and Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the renewal of the Title XIX Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services and the Department of Aging, beginning on the date of the last Commonwealth signature and ending on June 30, 2030, in the amount of \$49,252.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Municipal Bond Insurance Commitment Letter with Build America Mutual Assurance Company, (BAM), to insure the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, at a rate of 0.580% of the total debt services on the bonds.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Allison Shroyer to provide training and support to Adult Probation staff, for a timeframe not to exceed two (2) days, at a rate of \$150.00 per day.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Cooperation Agreement with Aerium with regard to the LSA Grant for the Remote Operations Center Drone Hub.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contract (Provided Funding is Available):

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery	Level 3.1 Halfway House	\$231.75/day
Eagleville Hospital	Level 4.0 Medically-Managed Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$525.81/day
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	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient	\$524.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (Enhanced)	\$540.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$550.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$454.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient (Enhanced)	\$469.00/day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Services Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Dennis Kashurba, Licensed Psychologist

Service Provided	Rate
Psychological Evaluations	\$140.00
Individual/Family/Group Therapy	\$140.00
Court Testimony	\$140.00
Court Documentation	\$140.00
Consultation	\$140.00
Training Facilitation	\$140.00

Timothy J. Sloan, Esquire (Business Associate Agreement)

Service Provided	Rate
Guardian Ad Litem	\$28,983.74/year & \$1,796.61/year FICA

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center – Maternal Addiction Resource Center (MARC)

Service Provided	Rate
Maternal Addiction Resource Center (MARC)	Approved Budget - \$30,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Appeals:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Rasheed Deeb, filed at Case No. 2024-3943.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreed Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Zinn Realty Corporation, filed at Case No. 2021-3413.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreed Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Zinn Realty Corporation, filed at Case No. 2021-3414.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

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:

Control No.	Map No.	Buyer's Name	Municipality	Exonerate	Amount
13-044512	13-021-.115.000	Culbertson, Garret John	Clearfield Township	2018 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$5,072.48
14-049055	14-001-.132.000	Crosdale, Ruth	Conemaugh Township	2014 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$10,016.81
31-057212	31-006-.106.000	Barnes, Claudette	Gallitzin Township	2023 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$2,128.11
44-024871	44-001-.505.000	Simmons, Jacob William	Patton Borough, 1 st Ward	2024 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$1,013.71
56-013020	56-086-.405.000	Keith, Jesse W.	Northern Cambria Borough	2008 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$13,879.34
56-014119	56-101-.408.000	Pereira, Cleiton Junior Gomes	Northern Cambria Borough	2025 Taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$815.88
57-074048	57-015-.333.000	YG Finline, LLC	Stonycreek Township	2012 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$21,224.98
57-074441	57-015-.332.000	Crosdale, Ruth	Stonycreek Township	2021 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$3,014.78
57-075121	57-010-.428.000	Dreese, Ronald	Stonycreek Township	2020 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$3,167.54
57-075847	57-005-.520.000	B&M Invest, LLC	Stonycreek Township	2017 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$9,657.29
77-001510	77-007-.213.000	Crosdale, Ruth	City of Johnstown 7 th Ward	2023 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$367.28
79-004406	79-004-.319.000	Jordan, Dennis	City of Johnstown 9 th Ward	2018 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$11,583.38
80-004722	80-002-.209.000	Redevelopment Authority of the City of Johnstown, as Land Bank	City of Johnstown 10 th Ward	2021 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$3,905.76
80-004738	80-005-.407.000	Tall Man	City of Johnstown 10 th Ward	2014 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$21,988.78
80-004794	80-002-.329.000	Pereira Cleiton Junior Gomes	City of Johnstown 10 th Ward	2022 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$3,295.52
80-004850	80-005-.300.000	Cohen Charles W., Jr., & Dorothy J.	City of Johnstown 10 th Ward	2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$1,263.90

82-005665	82-012.-223.000	Barnes, Claudette	City of Johnstown 12 th Ward	2021 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$492.53
82-005744	82-012.-225.000	Crosdale, Ruth	City of Johnstown 12 th Ward	2023 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$310.55
87-010085	87-041.-215.000	Redevelopment Authority of the City of Johnstown, as Land Bank	City of Johnstown 17 th Ward	2021 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$13,404.12
90-012131	90-008.-111.000	Redevelopment Authority of the City of Johnstown, as Land Bank	City of Johnstown 20 th Ward	2021 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$6,719.16
91-007469	91-010.-211.000	Nagle, Jason E.	City of Johnstown 21 st Ward	2013 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$1,262.79
91-007470	91-010.-209.000	Trabert, John M., Jr.	City of Johnstown 21 st Ward	2009 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$1,284.18
91-007709	91-002.-102.000	De Oliveira, Wanderlei	City of Johnstown 21 st Ward	2022 to 2025 taxes. Sold at 12/9/2025 Judicial Sale.	\$6,375.70

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Change Orders:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the following Change Orders of Sodys Excavating, for the Prince Gallitzin State Park – Muskrat Beach Parking Lot No. 1 Project:

Change Order No. 1 – Reduction of Linear Feet of Shoreline	(\$86,819.00)
Change Order No. 2 – Additional Restoration Work	\$ 8,000.00
New Contract Amount	\$213,075.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Reappointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve reappointing George Gvozdoch, Jr., Esquire, to the Cambria County BHDS Advisory Board, for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Gregory Josephson, Full-Time Veterans Affairs Representative for Veterans Affairs, (Paygrade 23-B/\$13.31 [1820 hours] per hour), effective March 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 Michelle Trotz, Full-Time Pension Benefits Healthcare Administrator/Second Deputy for the Controller’s Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$45,000.00 [1820 hours] annually), effective March 16, 2026. (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 Christian Kerstetter, Part-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender’s Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$31,543.98 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Assistant District Attorney for the District Attorney’s Office, (Paygrade 48-L/\$55,315.54 [1820 hours] annually), effective April 20, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Christine Cerwensky, Full-Time Caseworker II for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$56,777.50 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Casework Supervisor for BHDS, (Paygrade 57-H/\$62,455.38 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 16, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer John Briel, Full-Time Captain for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-A/\$66,963.52 [2080 hours] annually), to Full-Time Major of Booking & Admission for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-L/\$66,963.52 [2080 hours] annually), effective March 16, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Megan Bursky, Full-Time Assistant Deputy Warden of Finance & Facility Services for the Prison, (Paygrade 72-I/\$69,840.16 [2080 hours] annually), to Full-Time Chief Deputy of Finance & Facility Services for the Prison, (Paygrade 73-F/\$69,840.16 [2080 hours] annually), effective March 16, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Carmelo Furnari, Full-Time Counselor for the Prison, (Paygrade 32-K/\$26.17 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Chief Deputy of Operations for the Prison, (Paygrade 73-E/\$69,840.16 [2080 hours] annually), effective March 16, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to remove Tracy Selak, Full-Time Administrator II for the Behavioral Health & Developmental Support Program, (Paygrade 97-A/\$90,918.88 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 28, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to remove Sharon Kraycirik, Full-Time Caseworker II for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$62,809.76 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to remove Michele Tomera, Full-Time Caseworker II for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$62,809.76 [1950 hours] annually), effective April 7, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the effective date of Andrew Nagle, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 [2080 hours] per hour), from March 2, 2026, to March 5, 2026. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held February 12, 2026).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

President Commissioner Hunt stated that there would be a regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the Reade Township Fire Department, 268 Reade Street, Blandburg.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to adjourn the Meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk