

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**April 9, 2026**

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 12, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 13, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 16, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 17, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 18, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 19, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 20, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 23, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 24, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 25, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 26, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 27, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 30, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
March 31, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
April 1, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
April 2, 2026**

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 3, 2026

Courthouse closed in observance of Good Friday.

Ebensburg, PA  
April 6, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 7, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA  
April 8, 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, at the Reade Township Fire Department, at 10:05 a.m.

**Public Comment:**

John DeBartola questioned the sale of the property located at 499 Manor Drive and asked what would be done with the property. He also brought up the Housing Agreement between Huntingdon County and the Prison; he thanked Ronald Repak, Esquire, for serving as Solicitor; and he brought up the Quiana Brown lawsuit and what was being done, from the County's standpoint, regarding same.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of March 12, 2026, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

1. April 6, 2026, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. April 7, 2026, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.

**Proclamation:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve a Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**MATP Program:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve sending a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Medical Assistance Program, advising of the County's decision to switch models for administering the Medical Assistance Transportation Program.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Policy:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Penny Rounding Policy.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Release:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Vacation Release with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for property located in Cambria Township, known as Parcel No. 08-019.-120.0003.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**National Opioids Settlement:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve executing the Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form with regard to the Six Remnant Defendants Settlement.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Resolution:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Resolution to apply for grant money through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Strategic Management Planning Program, to be used for a financial stabilization initiative, and to allocate a match in a minimum amount of \$16,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Amendment:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Amendment No. 10 to the Inmate Services Agreement with ViaPath.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Memorandums of Understanding:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Johnstown with regard to the 2024 BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, Grant ID No. 15PBJA-24-GG-04637-JAGX.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Johnstown for future Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Juvenile Probation Services Program Grant Agreement, Contract No. 4100101035, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, in the amount of \$246,334.00, beginning upon the last Commonwealth signature and ending on June 30, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Grant Agreement, Contract No. C000097820, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, in the amount of \$125,000.00, beginning when a fully executed document is sent to the Grantee and ending on March 31, 2027, to be used to purchase forensic equipment for the District Attorney's Office.

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Housing of Inmates with Huntingdon County, to house inmates at the Cambria County Prison, at a rate of \$103.50 per inmate, per day.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the WorkLink Staffing Agreement to provide a 2026 summer employee for Vector Control, which is funded by the Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Grant Agreement.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve an Extended Warranty and Support Services Agreement between BI Incorporated and Cambria County Adult Probation, beginning April 1, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027, at an annual cost of \$2,085.00.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the resignation of Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham, LLP, as Solicitor, effective April 30, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Engagement Letter of Spence Custer to act as County Solicitor, beginning May 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, at a rate of \$6,250.00 per month.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed with a 2 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Chernisky voting no.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the separation from Wagner & Finn with regard to legal services for personnel, labor, and workers' compensation issues, effective April 30, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Engagement Letter of Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham, LLP, to serve as labor counsel, beginning May 1, 2026, at a rate of \$175.00 per hour.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed with a 2 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Chernisky voting no.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Subscription Agreement with Identifid Operations, LLC, to provide software, services, and products for the Cambria County Recorder of Deeds Office, at no cost to the County.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Behavioral Health of Cambria County, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.**

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with the Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association, with regard to the LSA Grant, for the Fire School Improvement Project, in the amount of \$115,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Cooperation Agreement with the Johnstown Industrial Development Corporation, with regard to Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funding and the Center for Metal Arts, along with a corresponding Indemnification Agreement with the Center for Metal Arts.

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 Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc.

Cert No.	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Allowable Costs
465990	Group/Shelter	\$269.49	\$0.91	\$268.58
453100				
443810	Transitional Living	\$172.50	\$0.00	\$172.50
453120				
	Out of Area Transportation	\$0.655 per mile		
	Fee for Service – Per Event	\$134.75		

Aftercare/Mobile Case Management Program Rates:  
 Per Hour at Pentz Run Youth Services - \$80.00.  
 Per Hour in home - \$90.00.

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 Service Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc.

Cert No.	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Allowable Costs
465990	Group/Shelter	\$289.55	\$2.55	\$287.00
453100				
443810	Transitional Living	\$186.79	\$0.00	\$186.79
453120				
	Out of Area Transportation	\$0.70 per mile		
	Fee for Service – Per Event	\$134.75		

Aftercare/Mobile Case Management Program Rates:  
 Per Hour at Pentz Run Youth Services - \$80.00.  
 Per Hour in home - \$90.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Request for Proposal:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the proposal of L&D Academy Beauty & Barber School, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to provide haircuts at the Cambria County Prison, beginning April 10, 2026, and ending April 9, 2029, at the following rates:

Female Haircut	\$15.00
Male Haircut	\$15.00
Beard Trim	\$7.00
Beard Trim & Haircut	\$15.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Bids:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the bid of ConServ Flag, of Sidney, Nebraska, to provide 260 gross of grave flags, at a price of \$131.04 per gross, for a total amount of \$34,070.40.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the bid of William Penn Printing Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to provide the following for the 2026 elections.

2026 Primary Election Ballots	\$21,320.00
2026 General Election Ballots	\$21,320.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$26,206.96
Total:	<u>\$68,846.96</u>

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to table approving the bid of Michael Chase to purchase the County-owned building located at 499 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, for the amount of \$69,000.00, pending Solicitor approval.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Appointment:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Rodger Locher to the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning April 9, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed with a 2 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Rager voting no.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Matthew McGregor, Part-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender’s Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$28,813.86 [1820 hours] annually), effective April 13, 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 Bobby Andrews, Full-Time Detective for the District Attorney’s Office, (Paygrade 35-C/\$22.05 [2080 hours] per hour), effective April 13, 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 Matthew Bouch, Full-Time Pension Benefits Healthcare Administrator/Second Deputy for the Controller’s Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$45,000.00 [1820 hours] annually), effective April 13, 2026, along with the Reimbursement Agreement allowing for spouse’s healthcare. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed with a 2 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Chernisky voting no.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Brooke Janosko, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), effective April 27, 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 Douglas Kimack, Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$28.20 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$27.53 [2080 hours] per hour), effective April 5, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Faith Smith, Full-Time UPI Assistant/Clerk III for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 16-C/\$15.20 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Second Deputy for the Recorder of Deeds Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$16.72 [1820 hours] per hour), effective April 13, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Eric Wysong, Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$62,739.04 [2080 hours] annually), to Full-Time Captain for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-A/\$66,963.52 [2080 hours] annually), effective April 13, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Amber Vranich, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for Magistrate Varner's Office, (Paygrade 11-E/\$16.18 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Magistrate Clerk Supervisor for Magistrate Varner's Office, (Paygrade 21-F/\$17.31 [1820 hours] per hour), effective April 13, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Kathryn Porter, Full-Time Quality Assurance Risk Management Specialist for the Behavioral Health & Developmental Support Program, (Paygrade 57-N/\$53,828.58 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Temporary BHDS Administrator II for the Behavioral Health & Development Support Program, (Paygrade 88-E/\$65,000.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 30, 2026.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Timothy Depetro, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Register of Wills Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), effective March 14, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Lucas Myers, Full-Time Head Clerk for Tax Claim, (Paygrade 28-B/\$15.90 [1820 hours] per hour), effective April 7, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Travis Buck, Per-Diem Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 000-R/\$33.00 [780 hours] per hour), effective February 1, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove 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 31, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jessica Sabella, Full-Time Caseworker I for BHDS, (Paygrade 41-E/\$41,106.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 28, 2026.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Mackenzie Persio, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$45,125.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective April 10, 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 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Jackson Township Fire Department, 176 Adams Avenue, Mineral Point.**

**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**