

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

May 7, 2026

**Ebensburg, PA
April 23, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
April 24, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
April 27, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
April 28, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
April 29, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
April 30, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 1, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 4, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 5, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 6, 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, at 10:05 a.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of April 23, 2026, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Commissioners presented Certificates of Recognition to Rayce Lanzendorfer, Megan Sapp, Jude Tenerowicz, and Rebecca Williams.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. May 4, 2026, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. May 5, 2026, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitors.**

Proclamations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Proclamations for Men’s Health Week and Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Municipal Infrastructure Assistance Program:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve awarding the following amounts, from Act 89 Fee for Local Use Funds, to the listed municipalities:

Southmont Borough – Shady Lane Paving	\$50,000.00
Summerhill Township – Willow Beach Road Paving & Drainage	\$35,000.00
West Taylor Township – Naylor Road Paving	\$64,870.68
Ehrenfeld Borough – Mt. Carmel Drive Paving & Drainage	\$33,212.50
Lower Yoder Township – Lyter Drive Road/Access Improvements	\$50,000.00
Adams Township – Saddle Club Road Paving	\$25,500.00
Tunnelhill Borough – Portage Street Paving	\$17,580.00
Northern Cambria Borough – 10 th Street Drainage	\$40,000.00
East Taylor Township – Hinckston Run Road Drainage	\$33,836.82

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the 2026 Loan Agreement with the Cambria Somerset Authority, in the amount of \$210,000.00.

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, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Grant No. 2023-GO-NG 47781, for the 2026 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program at the Cambria County Prison, in the amount of \$134,118.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Grant Modification No. 3 to Grant Agreement No. 2023/2024-ID-ST-44282 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$308,680.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Host Agency Agreement with the National Council on Aging to have individuals work at the Johnstown Senior Activities Center, through the Senior Community Service Employment Program, at no cost to the County.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County BHDS, Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Service Access & Management, Inc.	Provide support coordination to individuals in accordance with ODP Support Coordination Services Bulletin No. 00-10-06 in addition to administrative entity support, monitoring, and oversight services.	From: \$98,150.00 To: \$152,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

The Bair Foundation of Pennsylvania			
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BA	Supported Foster Care – Supported Enhancement FC/KC	\$94.15/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BB	Medically Needy Level 1	\$79.62/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BI	Medically Needy Level 2	\$79.41/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BC	Medically Needy Level 3	\$84.27/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BK	Medically Needy Level 4	\$95.35/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BD	Traditional Foster/Kinship Care Lower-Level FC/KC (Ages 0-12)	\$82.50/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BL	Lower-Level FC/KC – (Ages 13-21)	\$87.79/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BE	Supported Foster/Kinship Care Young Parent/Non-Dependent Infant	\$108.40/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BS	Treatment Foster Care (Ages 0-12)	\$181.10/day
316390 348370 332840 415360 450390 446410	BT	Treatment Foster Care (Ages 13-21)	\$181.10/day
		Extraordinary Transportation	Current IRS Rate
		TBRI	\$24.57/15 minutes
		Supervised Visitation	\$24.57/15 minutes
		Path to Permanency	\$24.57/15 minutes

Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc.			
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Per-Diem Rate
455120		Residential Program	\$476.00/day
455120		Enhanced Rate	\$1,340.00/day

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 2026-2027.

Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center	
Service Provided	Rate
Detention Space & Services (as needed)	\$250.00/day per bed
Detention Beds for Juveniles Charged as Adults	\$300.00/ day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Cambria County Transit Authority	Provide accessible and affordable transportation to residents 65 and older.	\$210,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve appointing Scott Messina to the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority, for an unexpired term, beginning May 7, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Bid:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the bid of WG McClellan & Son Trucking & Excavating, LLC, for the Little Conemaugh River Streambank Stabilization Project, in the amount of \$47,598.12.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Emergency Repair:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the proposal of Mervac Plumbing & Heating, Inc., to repair the chiller at the Central Park Complex Building, in an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00.

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.	Assessed Name	Municipality	Exonerate
7-8105	07-001.-610.001	Ferenchik, Francis P. & Phyllis E.	Brownstown Borough	2001-2025 taxes. Sold at 03/13/26 Private Tax Sale.
16-50255	13-016.-052.A00	Casey Key, LLC	Cresson Township	2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
17-51506	17-018.-221.000	Chuckalovcak, Robert J.	Croyle Township	2022-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
39-16184	39-023.-184.001	Blaisdell, David Thomas	Lower Yoder Township	2019-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
41-63566	12-041.-057.A00	Hughes, C.A. & Co.	Munster Township	2020-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
48-64051	12-048.-014.000	Casey Key. LLC	Portage Township	2017-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
49-115938	49-008.-000.025	Shover Investments	Reade Township	2016-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
52-27637	52-001.-103.000	King, Richard L.	Scalp Level Borough	2018-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
52-27910	52-001.-102.000	King, William E., Jr., & Evelyn L.	Scalp Level Borough	2013-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
66-33494	66-029.-200.000	Hurrell, Clarence E., Jr., & Isabelle	Westmont Borough	2014-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale.
68-112539	68-023.-363.000	Gray, Patricia L. & William F., Sr.	White Township	2023-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
68-225092	68-023.-362.000	Gray, William F. & Ray, Patricia L.	White Township	2024-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
71-43	71-005.-417.000	Ferrari, Mark	Johnstown, 1 st Ward	2021-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
71-73	71-002.-331.000	Penn Hope Personal Housing	Johnstown, 1 st Ward	2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
74-501	74-002.-202.000	Voories, R. Dirk	Johnstown, 4 th Ward	2005-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
77-1896	77-018.-705.000	Dzambik, Joseph M. & Kelly M.	Johnstown, 7 th Ward	2021-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
77-2382	77-004.-205.000	Gulish, Lawrence Joseph & Tina Marie	Johnstown, 7 th Ward	2016-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
77-1710	77-018.-302.000	Hill, Patricia	Johnstown, 7 th Ward	2024-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
77-1949	77-006.-300.000	Jaber, Ronald J. & Lena C.	Johnstown, 7 th Ward	2005-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
79-4215	79-005.-121.000	Cannistra, Nick & Concettina	Johnstown, 9 th Ward	1985-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale

79-4530	79-001.-220.000	Crisafulli, Aliyah	Johnstown, 9 th Ward	2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
79-4309	79-005.-125.000	Divine, Domine	Johnstown, 9 th Ward	2015-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
79-4249	79-004.-107.000	Isley, Michael	Johnstown, 9 th Ward	2008-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
79-4239	79-004.-108.000	Najar, Ziopporah Easan	Johnstown, 9 th Ward	2022-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
79-4248	79-005.-416.000	Snyder, Kevin K.	Johnstown, 9 th Ward	2008-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
81-4917	81-018.-229.000	American Management Group, LLC	Johnstown, 11 th Ward	2012-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
81-119008	81-018.-229.001	Cotex, Inc.	Johnstown, 11 th Ward	2018-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
81-5037	81-005.-211.000	Henry, Shirley A. & Morris, Fletcher L., et al.	Johnstown, 11 th Ward	1991-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
81-119009	81-018.-229.002	Keshav USA, Inc.	Johnstown, 11 th Ward	2018-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
87-9971	87-002.-214.000	Arkay Investments	Johnstown, 17 th Ward	2021-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
87-10031	87-019.-125.000	Highpoint Housing, LLC	Johnstown 17 th Ward	2023-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
90-12855	90-015.-123.000	Troy Laundry of Johnstown, Inc.	Johnstown, 20 th Ward	2014-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale
90-11654	90-021.-204.000	Young, Janelia A. & Ford, Jermaine	Johnstown, 20 th Ward	2021-2025 Taxes, Sold at 3/13/26 Private Tax Sale

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Amy Glessner, Full-Time Assistant Director of Human Resources for Human Resources, (Paygrade 56-C/\$57,241.60 [2080 hours] annually), to Full-Time Director of Human Resources for Human Resources, (Paygrade 97-C/\$75,000.00 [2080 hours] annually), effective May 11, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kathy Kissell, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$14.40 [1820 hours] per hour), effective May 16, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jacob Fitzpatrick, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective April 24, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Melissa Gillin, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective April 22, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Joseph Mazzarella, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 53-A/\$47,399.56 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 16, 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, May 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse.

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