

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

May 21, 2026

Ebensburg, PA

May 7, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 8, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 11, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 12, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 13, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 14, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 15, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 18, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 19, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

May 20, 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 10:10 a.m.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola spoke regarding the emails he received from Frank Burns regarding ballots not being counted during the 2024 General Election. He asked the District Attorney to launch an investigation.

Etta Albright stated that gerrymandering is illegal and a form of cheating. She asked the Commissioners to use their influence to promote fair and just elections.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of May 7, 2026, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. May 18, 2026, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
- 2. May 19, 2026, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitors.

Proclamation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Proclamation for National Emergency Medical Services Week.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement, No. C950005691, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, beginning on the date of the last Commonwealth signature, and ending on January 28, 2028, in the amount of \$120,072.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Exhibit Q to the LifeSolutions Services Statement of Work, entered into pursuant to the Master Services Agreement with Workpartners, at a rate of \$11,854.08 annually.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Child Accounting and Profile System Application Service Provider Agreement, and relevant Addendum, with Avanco International, LLC, on behalf of Cambria County Children & Youth Services.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Net Metered Interconnection Study Agreement with FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company, d/b/a Penelec Rate District, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid by Madison Energy Infrastructure, pending Solicitor review.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

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

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
OneWell, LLC	Additional supports in the medical environment for when medical staff is unable to provide for consumer due to their unique behavior or physical needs.	\$1,000.00

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 Service, Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Avinger Human Services, LLC			
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Per-Diem Rate
152770	AA	Residential Program	\$539.06/day

Crossroads Group Homes & Services, Inc.			
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate
409170	BO	Boys Residential	\$215.00/day
401940	GI	Girls Residential	\$240.00/day

Children’s Choice, Inc.			
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate
		<u>Grandma’s House Visitation</u>	
		Visitation (for up to 3 children)	\$137.81
		2 nd Visitation Coach (4 or more children)	\$59.06
		2 nd Visitation Coach (safety concern)	\$59.06
		Visitation in the Birth Home (up to 3 children)	\$157.50
		Visitation in the Birth Home (4 or more children)	\$59.06
		2 nd Visitation Coach (needed in the Birth Home due to safety concerns)	\$59.06
		Orientation Meetings	\$111.56
		90-Day Meetings	\$111.56
		Team Meetings	\$111.56
		Court	\$111.56
		Transportation of Children (all time rounded up)	\$59.06
		Travel Costs for Coaches (all time rounded up)	\$59.06
		<u>Grandma’s House Aftercare Services</u>	
		Aftercare Visits in the Home (up to 3 children)	\$157.50
		2 nd Visitation Coach for Aftercare Visits (4 or more children)	\$59.06
		2 nd Visitation Coach for Aftercare Visit in the Birth Home (safety concern)	\$59.06
		Travel Costs for Coaches (all time rounded up)	\$59.06
		Aftercare Schedule Visit (missed – cost for full visit time scheduled)	\$157.50
		90-day Review and/or Additional Team Meeting at Program Office	\$111.56
		90-day Review and/or Additional Team Meeting at Birth Parent Home	\$157.50
		Court	\$111.56
		<u>Grandma’s House 72-Hour Visit</u>	
		72-Hour Visit at Program Office	\$137.81
		2 nd Visitation Coach 72-Hour Visit at Program Office (4 or more children)	\$59.06
		2 nd Visitation Coach at Program Needed Due to Safety Concern	\$59.06
		Transportation Costs	\$59.06
		Missed Visit Cost (for full scheduled visit time)	\$137.81
		<u>Grandma’s House 72-Hour Visit with Anticipated Grandma’s House Referral</u>	
		72-Hour Visit at Program (for up to 3 children)	\$137.81
		2 nd Visitation Coach for 72-Hour Visit at Program (4 or more children)	\$59.06
		Transportation Costs	\$59.06
		Missed Visit Cost (for full schedule visit time)	\$137.81

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.

Speak Write	
Service Provided – Foreign Language Translation	Rate
General Transcription	\$.015/word
Legal Transcription	\$.015/word
Multi-Speaker Transcription	\$0.0225/word
Spanish Translation	\$9.00/audio minute

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Request for Proposal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the proposal of United Way of the Southern Alleghenies to serve as the Lead Agency with regard to the State Food Purchase Program for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 2026 tax refund to Helicon Enterprises, LLC, in the amount of \$422.72, pursuant to the Court Order entered at No. 2025-4567.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the resignation of Carol Harding from the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, effective immediately.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve hiring the following individuals as Full-Time Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 7, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Nathan Bolvin	Brianna Yagoda	James Moore
Jordan Hall	Ross Inzana	Kwanjee Prentice
Duanne Biller		

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve hiring the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective June 7, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Gage Myers	Roger Brothers	Douglas Tanaka
Aiden Jackson	Breanna Altimus	Patricia Villa
Brendon Demchak	Ryan Cornelius	John Grosholz

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Samantha Snowberger, Full-Time Counselor for the Prison, (Paygrade 32-K/\$26.17 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 8, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Ronald Kauffman, Per-Diem Election Worker for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-S/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective May 11, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Janet Rose, Full-Time Account Clerk I/Float for Tax Claim, (Paygrade 5-C/\$13.16 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Head Clerk for Tax Claim, (Paygrade 28-B/\$13.82 [1820 hours] per hour), effective May 18, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Margaret Rutledge, Full-Time Casework Supervisor for BHDS, (Paygrade 57-F/\$67,244.32 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 30, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Stephan Swintosky, Full-time Clerk Typist II for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 15-L/\$44,881.46 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 27, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Bobbi Kisko, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 52-C/\$44,167.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective May 12, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kaleb Popson, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective May 11, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Melissa Elias, Full-Time Administrative Assistant for the Prison, (Paygrade 36-C/\$36,848.00 [2080 hours] annually), effective May 23, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve removing the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$22.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective June 6, 2026.

**Debra Farrell
Eric Dreikorn**

**Linda Gongloff
Richard Sobecky**

Timothy Braniff

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Theresa Subich, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), effective May 30, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the effective date of the transfer of Shannon Meredith, Full-Time Aging Care Manager III for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 45-B/\$47,396.00 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Caseworker II for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$44,538.00 [1950 hours] annually), from May 11, 2026, to June 15, 2026. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held April 23, 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, June 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Washington-Lilly Library, 101 Memorial Drive, Suite 2, Lilly.

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