

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

June 11, 2026

**Ebensburg, PA
May 21, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 22, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 25, 2026**

Courthouse closed in observance of Memorial Day.

**Ebensburg, PA
May 26, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 27, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 28, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
May 29, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 1, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 2, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 3, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 4, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 5, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 8, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 9, 2026**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
June 10, 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 Lilly-Washington Public Library, Lilly, at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment:

Etta Albright thanked the Commissioners for having meetings outside of the Courthouse, but suggested that they be advertised more. She also spoke regarding an article in the Tribune Democrat.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of May 21, 2026, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. June 9, 2026, meetings with Agency Department Heads, Human Resources, and Solicitors.

Proclamation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve a Proclamation for Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Ordinance:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Ordinance No. 2026-002 directing the Tax Assessment Office to value all auxiliary improvements located on leased campsites to the landowner.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Extension regarding Penn State Extension services in Cambria County, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$11,360.00, pending final Solicitor approval.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Interconnection Reimbursement Agreement with MEI Manor, LLC, allowing MEI to provide payment, on the County’s behalf, for the interconnection study fee of \$10,000.00, along with a \$2,000.00 restudy fee, if necessary, payable to Penelec.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Skills of Central PA, Inc.	Drop-In Center provides services that connects individuals to others and the community.	\$25,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Children & Youth Service, Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Project Point of Light	
Services Provided:	Rate
Sexual Offender & Sexual Abuse Victim Services	
Psychological/Sexual Evaluation - Offender (includes testing)	\$700.00
Psychological/Social Evaluation	\$500.00
Individual Counseling/Psychotherapy (30 minutes)	\$65.00
Individual Counseling/Psychotherapy (45 minutes)	\$110.00
Individual Counseling/Psychotherapy (60 minutes)	\$130.00
Family Counseling/Psychotherapy – with or without patient (60 minutes)	\$130.00
Group Therapy (60 minutes)	\$65.00
Group Therapy (90 minutes)	\$100.00
Group Therapy (120 minutes)	\$130.00
Polygraph	\$550.00
Internet Monitoring Services	
IPPC Initial Set-Up Fee	\$110.00
IPPC Monthly Monitoring fee	\$25.00
Court Services	
Court Appearance (time is charged in one-hour minimum units) (Cancellations must be made within 24 hours or a 4-hour charge will be applied).	\$200.00/hour
Telephone Testimony (with or without testifying)	\$200.00/hour
FIT (Family Intervention Therapy) Services	
Psychological/Social Evaluation	\$500.00
Individual Counseling/Psychotherapy (60 minutes)	\$130.00
Group Therapy (60 minutes)	\$65.00
Group Therapy (90 minutes)	\$100.00
Batterer's Intervention Services/ Anger Management Services	
Psychological /Social Evaluation	\$500.00
Polygraph	\$550.00
Individual Counseling/Psychotherapy (60 minutes)	\$130.00
Group Therapy (120 minutes)	\$130.00
***All services except polygraphs are submitted to any applicable insurance, if available.	

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BHDS, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount				
Global Wordsmiths, LLC	Language Translation and Interpretation Services.					
	Onsite Consecutive Interpretation					
	GROUP I Languages Listed in Contract			\$65.00/hour		
	GROUP II Languages Listed in Contract			\$70.00/hour		
	Prescheduled Video Interpretation					
	ASL			\$70.00/hour		
	Languages as Listed in Contract			\$60.00/hour		
	On-Demand Video Interpretation (VRI)					
	ASL			\$1.80/minute		
	Languages as Listed in Contract			\$1.15/minute		
	On-Demand Over-the-Phone Interpretation (OPI) -					
	Languages as Listed in Contract			\$1.00/minute		
	Remote Simultaneous Interpretation (RSI)					
	Spanish (2 hour minimum)			\$280.00/hour		
	Arabic, French, Italian, Russian (4 hour minimum)			\$320.00/hour		
	Onsite Simultaneous Interpretation (OSI) - Spanish (2 hour minimum)			\$300.00/hour		
	Specialized Interpretation: Legal - All Languages for Certified/Qualified Interpreters			\$80.00/hour		
	Notes and Translation Fees					
	Minimum Charges			\$30.00		
	Desktop Publishing (DTP)/Formatting			\$40.00/hour		
	Notarized Fee			\$45.00 (includes standard mailing)		
	Courier Drop Off/Mailing Fee			\$25.00		
	Technical Translation & Special Requests			custom quote		
	Proofreading and Copy-Editing Requests			custom quote dependent upon quality		
	AI+Human Editing into English			inquire for more details		
Translation Fees – Charges Per Word		from English	to English	TEP	AI+Human Editing	AI Only (No minimum fee)
Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Portuguese, Spanish		\$0.18	\$0.19	\$0.24	\$0.13	\$0.05
Romanian		\$0.19	\$0.20	\$0.14	\$0.05	–
Arabic, Croation, French, German, Italian, Russian, Ukrainian		\$0.19	\$0.20	\$0.26	\$0.14	\$0.05
Dari, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Turkish		\$0.20	\$0.21	\$0.28	\$0.17	\$0.05
Armenian, Czech, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hungarian, Indonesian, Korean, Polish, Serbian, Slovak, Swahili, Uzbek, Vietnamese		\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.30	\$0.18	\$0.05
Albanian, Azerbaijani, Bosnian, Estonian, Georgian, Khmer (Cambodian), Kurdish, Lao (Loation), Latvian, Lithuanian, Pashto, Slovenian, Turkmen		\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.30	–	–
Bengali, Danish, Dutch, Filipino, Greek, Nepali, Tamil, Telugu,		\$0.23	\$0.24	\$0.33	\$0.19	\$0.05
Burmese, Cambodian, Hmong, Karen, Kazakh, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Kizigua, Kyrgyz, Somali, Thai, Urdu		\$0.23	\$0.24	\$0.33	–	–
Finnish, Japanese, Swedish		\$0.24	\$0.25	\$0.35	\$0.20	\$0.05
Afar, Afrikaans, Amharic, Dzongkha (Bhutani), Ewe, Hakha Chin, Igbo, Lingala, Maay, Malay, Mandinka, Marshallese, Oromo, Rohingya, Samoan, Serbo-Croatian, Tagalog, Tajik, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Twi, Yoruba		\$0.24	\$0.25	\$0.35	–	–

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Libertae, Inc.	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$339.00/day
	Level 3.1 Clinically-Managed Low-Intensity Residential (HWH)	\$251.00/day
DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC (New Visions Chemical Dependency Program)	Intensive Outpatient	\$51.00/hour
	Outpatient – Group	\$41.00/hour
	Outpatient – Individual	\$80.00/hour
	Outpatient – Co-Dependency	\$80.00/hour
	Drug Screen	\$50.00/9 panel test
	Early Intervention – Individual	\$80.00/hour
	Early Intervention – Group	\$41.00/hour
	Intake	\$80.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve appointing Jeannie Gleason to the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning June 11, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve exonerating 2025 taxes for Ricardo Anthony Scott, property known as Map No. 82-013.-221.000, Control No. 82-5586, located in the City of Johnstown, 12th Ward, in the amount of \$775.23, as property was sold at the Judicial Tax Sale held on December 9, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve exonerating delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and fees for property located at 733 Lake Street, South Fork, in the amount of \$384.94, as it is now owned by South Fork Borough, a tax-exempt entity.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreement Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the approved amount of the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement, Contract No. C950005691, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, from \$120,072.00 to \$60,036.00. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners’ Meeting held May 21, 2026).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

RFP Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the term for barber services at the Cambria County Prison from April 10, 2026, through April 9, 2029, to June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2029. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners’ Meeting held April 9, 2026).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Drake Derricott, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$18.45 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 7, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Nicholas Gehlmann, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$18.45 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 22, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Evan Hardenhour, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$18.45 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 22, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Christina Shope, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 52-C/\$44,167.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 22, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Madison Wagner, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 52-C/\$44,167.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 22, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to hire Abigail Croft, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 52-C/\$44,167.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective July 6, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Josie Makin, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk II for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 12-A/\$14.59 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk III for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 16-A/\$15.32 [1820 hours] per hour), effective June 22, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Kimberly Kuisick, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk III for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 16-A/\$20.16 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk IV for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 22-J/\$21.17 [1820 hours] per hour), effective June 22, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Vanessa Byrne, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk III for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 16-A/\$15.29 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Unit Supervisor for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 28-A/\$16.05 [1820 hours] per hour), effective June 22, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Sarah Rodgers, Full-Time Clerk Typist II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 15-L/\$32,760.00 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Clerical Supervisor I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 24-B/\$36,036.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Troy Howarth, Full-Time Caseworker II for BHDS, (Paygrade 43-C/\$49,049.26 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time ID Program Specialist I for BHDS, (Paygrade 57-B/\$53,954.16 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Alexander Brisko, Full-Time Case Management Specialist for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 43-E/\$44,184.92 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Quality Assurance Risk Management Specialist for BHDS, (Paygrade 86-H/\$48,603.36 [1950 hours] annually), effective July 6, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to table the transfer of Melanie Shiley, Full-Time ID Program Specialist I for BHDS, (Paygrade 57-B/\$48,845.00 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 53-A/\$47,302.13 a[1950 hours] annually), effective June 22, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Micaela Hernandez, Full-Time Case Management Specialist for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 43-E/\$44,184.92 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Case Management Supervisor for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 57-D/\$52,221.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective June 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Jeffrey Vivian, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$31.74 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Chief Probation Officer for the Courts, (Paygrade 88-B/\$77,086.62 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Corey Hale, Full-Time Acting Chief Probation Officer for the Courts, (Paygrade 87-J/\$77,086.62 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Deputy Chief Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 87-F/\$75,018.58 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Gary Welsh, Full-Time Acting Deputy Chief Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 87-F/\$75,018.58 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Intake Supervisor for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 57-F/\$68,304.08 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Vincenzo Scott, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$25.99 [2080 hours] per hour), effective May 22, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Lisa Jarvie, Full-Time Clerk IV for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 22-J/\$22.02 [1820 hours] per hour), effective June 20, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Breanna Powers, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$18.45 [2080 hours] per hour), effective May 25, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Arlene Karlheim, Full-Time First Deputy for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 49-A/\$51,209.34 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 20, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Robert Brown, Jr., Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$28.40 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 27, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Michael Sylvester, Full-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, (Paygrade 48-L/\$55,315.54 [1820 hours] annually), effective June 27, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Nathan Emerson, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$19.12 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve rescinding the hiring of Patricia Villa and Douglas Tanaka as Per-Diem Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 7, 2026. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held on May 21, 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 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at Duman County Park, Pavilion No. 10.

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