

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

July 9, 2026

Ebensburg, PA

June 25, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 26, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 29, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

June 30, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 1, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 2, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 3, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 6, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 7, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 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 Johnstown Flood Memorial, 733 Lake Road, South Fork, at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of June 25, 2026, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Tom Davis.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. July 6, 2026, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. July 7, 2026, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitors.**

Proclamation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Proclamation for America 250.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Aging, in the amount of \$49,500.00, to be used at the Johnstown Senior Center for a heavy-duty commercial dishwasher, a wash booster heater, and a commercial steamer.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Lease Agreement with the Laurel Highland Historical Village to rent Duman Lake County Park, from September 11, 2026, to September 13, 2026, for the amount of \$2,600.00.

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>
C&S Contract Speech Language Pathology Services, Inc., d/b/a Blair Therapies	Pediatric physical/occupational therapies, speech therapy, social work, and special instruction for behavior, hearing, and vision.	From \$25,000.00 To \$135,000.00

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 2026-2027.

Terry O'Hara, Ph.D.	
<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Individual Evaluations of Children, Adolescents, and Adults	\$600.00/per evaluation
Interactional/Bonding Evaluations	\$600.00/per evaluation
Court Testimony (includes preparation and testimony)	\$300.00/per hour
No Show Fee (if there is not a cancellation 48 hours in advance)	\$150.00/per evaluation
Travel Fee	\$150.00/per hour

Homady and Corcoran, LLC	
<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Legal Representation	\$90.00/hour
Legal Consultation	\$90.00/hour
Staff Training	\$90.00/hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve eight (8) Service Contracts for Cambria County BHDS, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Independent Family Services	Family-based behavioral health services.	\$20,000.00
Onewell, LLC	Additional supports in the medical environment for when the medical staff is unable to provide for consumer due to their unique behavior or physical needs.	\$5,998.00
The Women’s Help Center	Offer a shelter contingency plan for the homeless that are not appropriate for The Women’s Help Center communal family shelter.	\$100,000.00
accessAbilities, Inc.	Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy Special Instruction Special Instruction – Vision Special Instruction – Nutrition Special Instruction – Behavior	\$37.13/15 minutes \$37.13/15 minutes \$37.13/15 minutes \$32.72/15 minutes \$32.72/15 minutes \$32.72/15 minutes \$32.72/15 minutes
Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber Early Intervention Service	Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes \$37.13/15 minutes \$37.13/15 minutes

Melissa Gehlman	Evaluation – Occupational Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
Kids First Affiliated Services, LLC	Physical Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
	Occupational Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
	Speech Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
	Special Instruction	\$32.72/15 minutes
	Social Work	\$31.23/15 minutes
Pediatric Therapy, LLC	Physical Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
	Occupational Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
	Speech Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
	Special Instruction	\$32.72/15 minutes
	Special Instruction – Hearing	\$32.72/15 minutes
	Special Instruction – Vision	\$32.72/15 minutes
	Social Work	\$31.23/15 minutes

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve five (5) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Independent Family Services</u>	Evaluation	\$80.00/hour
	Outpatient – Individual	\$65.00/hour
	Outpatient – Group	\$20.00/hour
	Outpatient – Co-Dependency	\$80.00/hour
	Intensive Outpatient	\$35.00/hour
	Drug Screen	\$45.00/9 panel test
	Recovery Coach (CRS-CFRS) – Individual	\$76.00/hour
		\$19.00/15 minute unit
	Recovery Coach (CRS-CFRS) – Group	\$22.00/hour
		\$5.50/15 minute unit
<u>Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.</u>	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Medium-Intensity Residential Services	\$359.00/day
<u>Pinnacle Treatment Center d/b/a Alliance Medical Services, Inc.</u>	Methadone Maintenance	\$95.00/week
	Intensive Outpatient	\$13.50/day
	Drug-Free Outpatient – Individual	\$24.00/hour
	Drug-Free Outpatient – Group	\$60.00/hour
	Suboxone and Vivitrol Services	\$20.00/hour
	Intake/Physical Evaluation	\$175.00
	Evaluation Follow-up	\$95.00
	Medical Follow-up	\$80.00
	Urinalysis	\$5.00
	Vivitrol Injection	Actual cost as verified by Pharmacy
<u>UHS of Pennsylvania, Inc., d/b/a Roxbury Treatment Center</u>	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$283.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Residential	\$285.00/day
	Level 3.5+ RTFA Clinically-Managed High Intensity Residential Co-occurring	\$291.00/day
<u>Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. Ridgeview</u>	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$321.67/day
<u>Quakertown</u>	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$370.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient Co-occurring	\$373.00/day
<u>Gratitude House</u>	Level 3.1 Clinically-Managed Low-Intensity Residential (HWH)	\$170.00/day
<u>Tradition House</u>	Level 3.1 Clinically-Managed Low-Intensity Residential (HWH)	\$165.00/day
<u>Pine Ridge Manor</u>	Level 3.1 Clinically-Managed Low-Intensity Residential (HWH)	\$170.00/day
<u>Lehigh Valley</u>	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$367.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient (Enhanced)	\$388.00/day
<u>Altoona Residential</u>	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$435.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$309.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient (Enhanced)	\$338.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient	\$367.00/day
<u>Pyramid Pittsburgh</u>	Level 3.7 Medially-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$441.01/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$348.24/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient (Enhanced)	\$365.66/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient	\$302.51/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (Enhanced)	\$355.01/day
<u>Dolminus</u>	Intensive Outpatient – Individual	\$80.00/hour
	Intensive Outpatient – Group	\$24.00/hour
	Outpatient – Individual	\$80.00/hour
	Outpatient – Group	\$20.00/hour
	Urine Screen (Drug and Alcohol)	\$15.00/each
	Methadone Maintenance	\$100.00/week

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Cambria Health Services</u>	Personal Care	\$21.00/hour
	Home Support	\$21.00/hour
	LPN	\$50.00/hour
		\$71.00/hour
	RN	\$240,000.00 contract max
<u>Nealen Personal Care</u>	Personal Care	\$20.50/hour
	Home Support	\$125,000.00 contract max
		\$20.50/hour
<u>PA Home Life</u>	Personal Care	\$23.00/hour
	Home Support	\$120,000.00 contract max
		\$23.00/hour
<u>The Village of Nanty Glo</u>	Overnight Shelter	\$50.00/day
		\$65,000.00 contract max
<u>Christina Grove, RN</u>	Medical Consulting	\$45.00/hour
		\$3,000.00 contract max
<u>Ray Arcurio</u>	Ombudsman	\$26.00/hour
		\$39,220.00 contract max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a tax refund for Steven and Tammy Caracciolo, for property identified as 68-014.-118.004, for the following years and amounts, due to an assessment error:

2020 - \$737.34	2021 - \$737.34	2022 - \$682.31
2023 - \$671.31	2024 - \$671.31	2025 - \$671.31

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Change Order:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Change Order No. 3 to the ICORRS and Motorola Solutions, Inc., Agreement reducing the contract price by \$256,475.56.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the resignation of Carissa Itle Westrick from the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Board, effective immediately.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the appointment of Kathryn Porter to the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning July 9, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Amber Juba, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$30,225.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective July 20, 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 Phillip Ulmer, III, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective July 19, 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 Kaylyn Piper, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 20, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon pre-employment health screenings).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Kristen Perino, Full-Time Captain for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-A/\$66,963.52 [2080 hours] annually), to Full-Time Major of Security/Investigations for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-K/\$66,963.52 [2080 hours] annually), effective July 12, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Breanna Altimus, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 19, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Brendon Demchak, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 19, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer John Grosholz, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 19, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Roger Brothers, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 19, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Kolbe Brothers, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), to Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$22.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective July 19, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Corey Hale, Full-Time Deputy Chief of Probation for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 87-F/\$75,018.58 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Intake Supervisor for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 57-G/\$71,711.64 [1820 hours] annually), effective July 20, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Kimberly Berzonsky, Full-Time Intake Supervisor for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 57-G/\$71,711.64 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Deputy Chief of Probation for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 87-F/\$75,018.58 [1820 hours] annually), effective July 20, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jacquelyn Swanson, Full-Time Care Manager III for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 45-B/\$62,215.66 [1950 hours] annually), effective August 1, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to table the removal of Patrick Kelly, Per-Diem Summer Duman Park Worker for Duman Park, (Paygrade 000-Q/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective June 28, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kim Deubner, Full-Time Assistant Chief Assessor Field Operations for Tax Assessment, (Paygrade 49-P/\$46,151.56 [1820 hours] annually), effective July 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove John Bennett, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$25.99 [2080 hours] per hour), effective June 25, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the effective date of Donald Ochenrider, Jr., Full-Time Major of Security and Investigations for the Prison, (Paygrade 70-K/\$66,963.52 [2080 hours] annually), from July 1, 2026, to July 2, 2026. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held June 25, 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, July 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg.

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