

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

July 23, 2026

Ebensburg, PA

July 9, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 10, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 13, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 14, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 15, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 16, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 17, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 20, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 21, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 22, 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 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of July 9, 2026, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. July 20, 2026, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. July 21, 2026, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitors.**

Proclamation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Proclamation for Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Appreciation Week.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Audit:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the 2025 Audit by Wessel & Company.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Mileage:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve adjusting the mileage reimbursement rate for the second half of 2026, from \$.725 to \$.76 per mile, pursuant to IRS guidelines, effective July 1, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the 2026 Fair Housing Resolution.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Community Development Block Grant Agreement, Contract No. C000098874, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, beginning on the date that the fully-executed Agreement is sent to the Grantee and ending on June 8, 2030, in the amount of \$2,511,185.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Law Enforcement Partners, on behalf of the Cambria County Sheriff's Office, with regard to 2027 and 2028 calendar projects, with Law Enforcement Partners donating 20% of proceeds to the Sheriff's Office.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Residential Lease, and related Addendum, with Adam Walker, c/o Speicher Select Properties, LLC, for property located at 459 Stone Street, Johnstown, 15906, beginning August 1, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027, at a rate of \$1,350.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Residential Lease with 609 Pine, LLC, c/o West Hills Company, c/o Speicher Select Properties, LLC, for property located at 611 Pine Street, 2nd Floor, Johnstown, 15906, beginning August 1, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027, at a rate of \$600.00 per month.

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 Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Carrie Basile	Ombudsman	\$39,220.00 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve ten (10) Service Contracts for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CareGivers America, LLC	Personal Care	\$20.00/hour
	Home Support	\$20.00/hour
Care Smart Solutions, Inc.	Personal Care	\$19.00/hour
	Home Support	\$19.00/hour
County Homemakers d/b/a Arcadia Home Care & Staffing	Personal Care	\$19.00/hour
	Home Support	\$19.00/hour
Home Instead Senior Care	Personal Care	\$24.50/hour
	Home Support	\$24.50/hour
Information Age Technologies	Computer Technical Assistance	\$130.00/hour
Interim Health Care of Pittsburgh, Inc. d/b/a Interim Healthcare of Johnstown	Personal Care	\$21.00/hour
	Home Support	\$21.00/hour
MedStaffers, LLC	Personal Care	\$20.00/hour
	Home Support	\$20.00/hour
Messina Law	Legal Services	\$75.00/hour
Resta Home Health	Personal Care	\$19.00/hour
	Home Support	\$19.00/hour
Carrie Basile	Ombudsman	\$26.00/hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve thirteen (13) Service Contracts for Cambria County BHDS, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bauer’s All About Kids, LLC	Evaluation - Occupational Therapy	\$37.13/15 minutes
Beginnings, Inc.	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 – Nutrition	\$32.72/15 minutes
C&S Contract Speech Language Pathology Services, Inc., d/b/a Blair Therapies	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
Leaps & Bounds Developmental Services, LLC	Eval-Special instruction (initial/annual evaluations)	\$32.72/15 minutes
Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers, Inc.	Provide transportation according to ODP waiver & non-waiver regulations.	\$15,201.00
Alternative Community Resource Program	Provide services for indigent individuals, in addition to respite, for those who qualify through the Family Base Behavioral Health Services.	\$5,000.00
Alternative Community Resource Program	Provide family support services along with identifying indigent/underinsured individuals and linking them to services.	\$4,000.00
A Bridge to Independence	Provider will link, coordinate, and monitor the services per the needs of the consumer.	\$5,000.00
Cambria County Association for the Blind & Handicapped	Shelter Employment Program with the intent of maintaining the overall personal, social, and vocational needs of those with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities.	\$24,447.00
Cambria County Association for the Blind & Handicapped	Shelter Employment Program with the intent of maintaining the overall personal, social, and vocational needs of those with mental health and developmental disabilities.	\$188,667.00
Center for Community Resources	Provider will link, coordinate, and monitor the services per the needs of the consumer.	\$5,000.00
Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies	Supported employment for Behavioral Health consumers.	\$30,240.00
Rebekah Manor	Supported structured living arrangements and services mentally ill elderly adults with a primary diagnosis of mental health.	\$159,560.00

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 2026-2027.

Merakey Pennsylvania			
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate Per Day
Multiple	BX	Foster Care Plus (FCP)	\$114.02
Multiple	BD	Enhanced Foster Care	\$165.95
Multiple	EF	Foster Care – Infant Only	\$102.81
Multiple	TF	Foster Care – Mother with Infant	\$173.21
Multiple	TG	Foster Care – Mother with Infant	\$163.21
Multiple	TH	Foster Care – Two (2) Infants	\$248.88
Multiple	DD	Therapeutic Foster Care – Mother with Infant	\$135.82
Multiple	CX	Respite Foster Care	\$115.09
Multiple	HX	Emergency Respite	\$127.23
Multiple	FF	TFC Full Fee	\$174.22
Multiple	AA	Therapeutic Foster Care – (TFC) Room and Board	\$56.10
Multiple	GG	CRR ITP	\$19.18
		Family Engagement	\$324.81/per diem

*Multiple = 211980 204690 208850 217060 306430 306590 307100 307120 312540 317820 401610 410660 318110 141990

Project Point of Light	
Services Provided	Rate
<u>Sexual Offender & Sexual Abuse Victim Services</u>	
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
<u>Internet Monitoring Services</u>	
IPPC Initial Set-Up Fee	\$110.00
IPPC Monthly Monitoring fee	\$25.00
<u>Court Services</u>	
Court Appearance (Time is charged in one (1) hour minimum units. Cancellations must be made within twenty-four (24) hours or a four (4) hour charge will be applied).	\$200.00/hour
Telephone Testimony (with or without testifying)	\$200.00/hour
<u>FIT (Family Intervention Therapy) Services</u>	
Psychological/Social Evaluation	\$500.00
Individual Counseling/Psychotherapy (60 minutes)	\$130.00
Group Therapy (60 minutes)	\$65.00
Group Therapy (90 minutes)	\$100.00
<u>Batterer’s Intervention Services/Anger Management Services</u>	
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.	

CSI, Corporate Security and Investigations	
Service Provided	Rate
<u>Locate Services</u> – Locate missing or runaway youth, parents, families, or any individual identified by the County agency as needing to be located.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Safety Monitoring</u> – Child abuse prevention service utilized for high-risk situations. Available 24/7. Video verification provided, when applicable.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Investigation Support</u> –Conduct investigation interview, inter-agency collaboration, caseworker field support, and assists in gathering facts.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Human Trafficking Investigations</u> – CSEC screenings and assessments, inter-agency collaboration, victim advocacy and support.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Multi-Disciplinary Investigation Team</u> – Preparation, facilitation, and follow-up of MDIT meetings, child fatality/near fatality, human trafficking, complex case meetings.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Family Finding Database Report</u> – Comprehensive database report on each kin located throughout the family finding process.	\$36.75/per kin
<u>Family Finding and Engagement</u> – Record reviews, background search, and engagement interviews with all identified individuals. Development of genogram and family finding reports. Collaboration with child welfare.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Father Engagement</u> – Engagement with fathers in case planning, assist in addressing barriers to engagement.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Transportation of Complex Youth</u> – Door-to-door transportation of youth with complex or challenging behavioral health needs. Two (2) CSI employees required to transport, unless County staff is present.	\$110.00/hour per CIS staff
<u>Process Serve</u> – Deliver and serve documents to individuals identified by the County agency.	\$110.00/hour
<u>Youth Support During Placement Waiting Period</u> – Supervision, basic needs support, and engagement with the youth who are awaiting a placement resource.	\$110.00/hour
<u>County Specific Special Request</u> – Support service designed at the request of the County agency to meet the agency’s individual need.	Rate determined upon specific service
<u>Reimbursement: Fees & Expenses</u> – Reimbursement to CSI of fees or expenses acquired while conducting the service offering, i.e., hotel fees, tolls, parking fees.	Prior approval from County Agency required
<u>Mileage</u> – When applicable, mileage invoiced at federal rate.	Travel outside County lines will require prior County agency approval

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
<u>Avenues Recovery Medical Center at Valley Forge</u>	Level 4.0 Medically-Managed Intensive Inpatient	\$589.37/day
	Level 4.0 Withdrawal Management	\$589.37/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient	\$544.00/day
	Level 3.7 Withdrawal Management	\$550.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Residential	\$471.00/day
<u>White Deer Run</u> Allenwood	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$371.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$325.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient – Enhanced	\$336.00/day
<u>Cove Forge-Williamsburg</u>	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$363.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$303.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient – Enhanced	\$362.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient	\$345.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient – Enhanced	\$370.00/day
	Partial Hospitalization	\$139.00/day
<u>York – Davies Drive</u>	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$471.00/day

	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient – Enhanced	\$366.00/day \$448.00/day
York – Mount Zion Road	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient – Enhanced	\$336.00/day \$264.00/day \$301.00/day
Lehigh County Center for Recovery	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient – Enhanced	\$406.00/day \$312.00/day \$343.00/day
<u>Martella's Pharmacy of Park Hill, LLC</u>	Physician and Pharmacy	average wholesale price per prescription
<u>Martella's Pharmacies, LLC</u>	Physician and Pharmacy	average wholesale price per prescription
<u>Flood City Boxing Academy, Inc., d/b/a Flood City Youth Fitness Academy</u>	Education and Alternative Activities – Programming	\$383,880.56
<u>Reaching Educational Achievements with Clinical Mental Health, Inc.</u>	School-Based Clinical Mental Health Counseling	\$2,129,479.90 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Bid:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the bid of Stryker, of Redmond, Washington, for the upgrade kit to support the powered ambulance cot in the Coroner’s vehicle, in the amount of \$45,925.57, to be paid from Act 152 funds.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Julie Sweetland, Full-Time Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$44,184.92 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Care Manager III for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 45-B/\$46,394.14 [1950 hours] annually), effective August 3, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Mark Adams, Full-Time Caseworker I for BHDS, (Paygrade 41-E/\$41,106.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective July 10, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kimberly Pfeil, Full-Time Deputy Administrator I for BHDS, (Paygrade 41-E/\$71,699.68 annually), effective August 1, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Alex Ashcom, Full-Time Chief Clerk/County Clerk for the Commissioners’ Office, (Paygrade 100-C/\$88,367.24 [1820 hours] annually), effective August 1, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Mollie Dunio, Full-Time Investigator for the District Attorney’s Office, (Paygrade 24-A/\$13.67 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 30, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Austin Malenich, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$22.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective July 10, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Leah Behe, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$18.45 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 24, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the date of removal of Robert Brown, Jr., Full-Time Correctional Officer II for the Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$28.40 [2080 hours] per hour), from June 27, 2026, to June 25, 2026. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held on June 11, 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, August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Rock Run Pavilion, 1228 St. Lawrence Road, Patton.

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