

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

August 13, 2026

Ebensburg, PA

July 23, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 24, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 27, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 28, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 29, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 30, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

July 31, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 3, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 4, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 5, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 6, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 7, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 10, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 11, 2026

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

Ebensburg, PA

August 12, 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 Rock Run, Patton, at 10:10 a.m.**

Public Comment:

John DeBartola stated that August 22nd is the Johnstown Pride event, and he invited the Commissioners to attend. He also brought up CamTran, the resignation of the Chief Clerk, and asked if the County was purchasing a new building for record storage.

Etta Albright spoke regarding CamTran and the vital services it provides. She believes there should be a study to see how much it is being used and what the needs really are for the area.

William Layton, who lives in Hornerstown, said that his community is hurting. He would like services put into effect to help these individuals.

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

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. August 10, 2026, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
- 2. August 11, 2026, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitors.

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve a Resolution to apply for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant, on behalf of the Richland Preserve Access Road Project, in the amount of \$2,998.765.00, along with the corresponding Cooperation Agreement.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve two (2) On-the-Job Training Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, for two (2) Information Systems Specialist Externship positions, effective August 31, 2026, through December 17, 2026, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour per position, with the County only being responsible for FICA.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve two (2) On-the-Job Training Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, for two (2) Watchman/Custodian positions for CPC Maintenance, effective August 31, 2026, through December 17, 2026, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour per position, with the County only being responsible for FICA.

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 2026-2027.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADT, LLC	Personal Emergency Response Systems (Basic)	\$17.50/month
	Personal Emergency Response Systems (Plus – Cellular)	\$17.50/month
	Personal Emergency Response Systems (Plus – with Fall Detection Pendant)	\$22.50/month
	Personal Emergency Response Systems (On-the-Go Mobile)	\$17.50/month
	Personal Emergency Response Systems (On-the-Go Mobile with Fall Detection Pendant)	\$22.50/month

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.

Beginnings, Inc.	
Service Provided	Rate
Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) – Actual expenses billed on a monthly basis.	\$138.00 per child
Ages & Stages Evaluation – Maximum of twelve (12) units of service within a 10-mile radius. Greater than ten (10) miles, maximum of twenty (20) units of service.	\$7.50 per 15-minute unit

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.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Cambria Residential Services, Inc.	Community residential rehabilitation service for BH. Utilizes normal homelike settings with an emphasis on social integration.	\$1,085,560.00
The Learning Lamp	Provide small group social-emotional counseling and tutoring to high-risk children at all three (3) of its outreach sites.	\$64,025.00
Mental Health Resource of Central PA	Long-term structure residence primarily for transition from Torrance State Hospital. (Six (6) month contract).	\$734,066.00
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	Services for family-based mental health, psychiatric outpatient, and services for intellectual disability assessments, including psychological evaluations and autism diagnostic observation schedule.	\$30,000.00
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center,	24/7 mobile crisis intervention services and immediate response to individuals and families seeking mental health crisis intervention for diversion from local emergency departments.	\$379,658.00
Service Access & Management, Inc.	Supports coordination to individuals of Cambria County in accordance with ODP Support Coordination Services Bulletin No. 00-10-06.	\$371,101.00
Stepping Stones, LLC	Supported structured living arrangement with a personal care boarding home type structure with 24/7 care.	\$457,140.00
Pivot Physical Therapy of Pennsylvania, LLC f/k/a Allegheny & Chesapeake Physical Therapists	Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy Special Instruction	\$37.13/15 minutes \$37.13/15 minutes \$37.13/15 minutes \$32.72/15 minutes

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Human Services, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers, Inc.	Provide adult homemaker services to eligible clients, as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements supplements.	\$40,000.00
Cambria County Children & Youth	Provide counseling and intervention to eligible clients, as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements supplements.	\$50,000.00
The Nutrition Group	Provide primary and emergency meals to eligible adult clients, as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements.	\$50,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve seven (7) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Alternative Community Resource Program	Certified Recovery Specialist Services – Individual Group	\$76.00/hour \$22.00/hour
Renewal, Inc.	Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Residential Services ASAM Level 3,5	\$245.04/day
LaRocco Counseling, Inc.	Outpatient – Individual Group Intensive Outpatient – Individual Group Drug Screen Co-Dependency	\$80.00/hour \$40.00/30 minutes \$20.00/hour \$10.00/30 minutes \$80.00/hour \$40.00/30 minutes \$20.00/hour \$10.00/30 minutes \$15.00/each \$80.00/hour
University of Pittsburgh Physicians	Physician Services – Medical Evaluation for Opioid Use Disorder	\$100.00/evaluation not to exceed \$15,000.00
The Leaning Lamp	Prevention – Information Dissemination, Education, Community-Based Process, And Environmental Activities	\$114,719.80
UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Twin Lakes Johnstown	Individual – Level 1 Individual – Level 1 (School-Based) Group – Level 1 Intensive OP – Level 2.1 Intake Evaluation Level 2.5 Partial Hospitalization Urine Drug Screen – 10 Drug Drug Test – Definitive CRS Individual CRS Group	\$60.00/hour \$80.00/hour \$22.00/hour \$35.00/hour \$80.00/hour \$80.00/hour \$19.00/hour \$69.40/test \$40.00/test \$76.00/hour \$22.00/hour
Somerset	Early Intervention (School or Office-Based) Level 3,7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM) Level 3,5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$80.00/hour \$419.00/day \$323.00/day
Somerset – Outpatient	Outpatient – Individual Level 1 Outpatient – Group Level 1 Intensive OP – Level 2.1 Intake Evaluation Level 2.5 Partial Hospitalization Urine Drug Screen – 10 Drug Drug Test – Definitive CRS Individual CRS Group	\$60.00/hour \$22.00/hour \$35.00/hour \$80.00/hour \$80.00/hour \$19.00/hour \$69.40/test \$40.00/test \$76.00/hour \$22.00/hour

Gaudenzia, Inc. Crossroads	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$478.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient	\$357.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$286.00/day
Dr. Daniel Snow Halfway House	Level 3.1 Halfway House	\$173.00/day
Community House	Level 3.1 Halfway House – Women/Women with Children	\$264.00/day
House of Healing	Level 3.1 Halfway House – Women/Women with Children	\$440.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient – WWC	\$484.00/day
Common Ground	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential	\$274.00/day
	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$368.00/day
Concept 90	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient	\$344.00/day
Vantage House	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential	\$191.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential – WWC	\$400.00/day
New Destiny	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient – WWC	\$450.00/day
Fountain Springs	Level 3.1 Halfway House – Women with Children	\$243.00/day
	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed Residential – WWC	\$360.00/day
Re-Entry House	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient – WWC	\$384.00/day
Integrity House	Level 3.1 Halfway House	\$171.39/day
	Level 3.1 Halfway House	\$189.00/day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Change Orders:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the following Change Orders of David M. Maines Associates, Inc., with regard to the Cambria County Courthouse Roof Project.

No. 1 – Remove Damaged EPDM (Phase II)	\$	20,183.00
No. 2 – Install Three (3) Roof Hatches	\$	39,910.00
New Project Total:		\$3,868,957.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Emergency Repair:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve and ratify the estimate provided by Watkins Security, LLC, to install software and purchase a block of hours for security upgrades at the Cambria County Prison, for the amount of \$43,790.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve appointing Anna Johnston to the Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board, for a 3-year term, beginning September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2029.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the tax refunds previously approved for Steven and Tammy Caracciolo, Tax Map No. 68-014.-118.004. Corrected amounts are as follows:

2020 - \$737.34	2021 - \$722.59	2022 - \$682.31
2023 - \$671.31	2024 - \$671.31	2025 - \$657.88

(Action originally taken at the Commissioners’ Meeting held July 9, 2026).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Marvin Roland, IV, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for CPC Maintenance, (Paygrade 009-D/\$13.44 [2080 hours] per hour), effective August 17, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Alexander Zakucia, Per-Diem Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 000-R/\$33.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective August 24, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Amanda Rapp, Full-Time Case Management Specialist Trainee for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 41-G/\$41,106.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective August 31, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Matthew Dombrosky, Part-Time Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$28,813.86 [1820 hours] annually), effective August 31, 2026. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Jack Medlin, Per-Diem Information Systems Specialist Externship for Technology, (Paygrade 41-M/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), beginning August 31, 2026, and ending December 17, 2026, with the County only being responsible for FICA. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Elijah Rouch, Per-Diem Information Systems Specialist Externship for Technology, (Paygrade 41-M/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), beginning August 31, 2026, and ending December 17, 2026, with the County only being responsible for FICA. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Brodi Richwine, Per-Diem Watchman/Custodian for CPC Maintenance, (Paygrade 41-M/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), beginning August 31, 2026, and ending December 17, 2026, with the County only being responsible for FICA. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Tristan Hodson, Per-Diem Watchman/Custodian for CPC Maintenance, (Paygrade 41-M/\$12.00 [1000 hours] per hour), beginning August 31, 2026, and ending December 17, 2026, with the County only being responsible for FICA. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Aiden Jackson, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$20.00 [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 Taylor Onkst, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer II for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 11-B/\$14.55 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$16.04 [1820 hours] per hour), effective August 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Joel Polites, Jr., Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 11-A/\$52,122.56 [1820 hours] annually), to Part-Time Assistant District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$28,813.86 [1820 hours] annually), effective August 24, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Donna Koval, Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 21-B/\$24.22 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time First Deputy for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 49-A/\$48,484.80 [1820 hours] annually), effective August 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Sara Meyers, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 09-E/\$14.40 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 15-E/\$15.12 [1820 hours] per hour), effective August 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Valerie Vicini, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 15-E/\$18.42 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk IV for the Clerk of Courts Office, (Paygrade 21-B/\$19.34 [1820 hours] per hour), effective August 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Blake Dyson, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Prothonotary's Office, (Paygrade 009-E/\$14.40 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$18.00 [2080 hours] per hour), effective August 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Ryan Cornelius, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 13-G/\$20.00 [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 Melanie Beck, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 53-A/\$47,399.56 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 54-F/\$49,769.72 [1950 hours] annually), effective August 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Rachael Reed, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 53-A/\$47,399.56 [1950 hours] annually), to Full-Time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 54-F/\$49,769.72 [1950 hours] annually), effective August 17, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Mikaela Crum, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for the Magistrates, (Paygrade 11-E/\$14.60 [1820 hours] per hour), effective July 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Pamela Neff, Full-Time Probation Officer for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$67,375.72 [1820 hours] annually), effective August 29, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Lisa Kozorosky, Full-Time Elected Official – Treasurer for the Treasurer’s Office, (Paygrade 000-A/\$70,272.55 [1820 hours] annually), effective August 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Christopher Smith, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective July 24, 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, September 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Westmont Municipal Building, 1000 Luzerne Street, Johnstown.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to adjourn the Meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tara N. Keilman, Deputy Chief Clerk