

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

December 15, 2021

Ebensburg, PA
December 2, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 3, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 6, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 7, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 8, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 9, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 10, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 13, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA
December 14, 2021

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, B.J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Commissioners in Session. Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt were present.

The meeting was called to Order by President Commissioner Chernisky, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held December 2, 2021, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola questioned the individuals being appointed to boards and authorities by the Commissioners. He also stated that he heard that 300 families were coming to Cambria County from the southern border. He asked if there was any truth to that statement.

COMMISSIONERS

Policy:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Cambria County JNET Policy.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Ordinances:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve adopting an Ordinance authorizing the establishment of a property tax exemption for certain underutilized, blighted, or deteriorated industrial, commercial, or other business property within the Borough of Franklin, Cambria County, designated as a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, in order to foster economic opportunities and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within the Borough of Franklin, upon certain terms and conditions.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve adopting an Ordinance authorizing exemptions, deductions, abatements, and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits, mercantile, and business privilege taxes within specific geographic areas in Jackson Township, Richland Township, and the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, designated as proposed Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zones, (“KOEZS”), in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements, and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within areas of the County, upon certain terms and conditions.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Lease:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve terminating the Site Lease for 381 Wertz Road, Johnstown 15902.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Grant Agreement for the Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Grant Program with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, in the amount of \$147,940.67, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve ratifying the Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse Prevention, and the Cambria County Coroner’s Office, in the amount of \$10,000.00, beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Pennsylvania Mentor National Mentor Healthcare, LLC

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allow Maint	Allow Admin
217650 347830 217630 140990	FC	Foster Family Care	\$98.83/day				
217650 347830 217630 140990	ER	Emergency Respite	\$114.92/day				
217650 347830 217630 140990	RC	Respite Care	\$91.94/day				
217650 347830 217630 140990	SD	Treatment Foster Care – Transition/Step	\$105.73/day				
217650 347830 217630 140990	PR	Pre-Placement Respite	\$91.94/day				

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:

Provider	Services	Amount
Woods School	Intellectual disability services of supported structured living with a residential home type.	\$ 423,137.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Emergency Repair:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve an emergency road repair/pipe replacement on Candlelight Drive in the amount of \$27,827.22.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Proposal:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposal of Rankin’s Rusty Scissors, of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for Barber Services at the Cambria County Prison. This will be a 3-year agreement to begin on February 1, 2022, at the following prices:

Female Haircut	\$13.00
Male Haircut	\$13.00
Beard Trim	\$7.00
Haircut and Beard Trim	\$20.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Bids:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the bid of John Hall, Inc., of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, for the Mechanical Construction for the Boiler Renovation Project at the Cambria County Courthouse, in the amount of \$865,217.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the bid of Hallstrom-Clark Electric, Inc., of DuBois, Pennsylvania, for the Electrical Construction for the Boiler Renovation Project at the Cambria County Courthouse, in the amount of \$28,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Tax Appeals:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Stipulation of Settlement prepared in the tax appeal of First Commonwealth Bank, filed at No. 2020-3631.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of GB Johnstown, LLC, filed at No. 2020-3616.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Northwest Bank, f/k/a Northwest Savings Bank, filed at No. 2020-3730.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Resignations:

Motion as made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the resignation of Jack Babich from the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority Board, effective December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the resignation of Leah Spangler from the Cambria County Transit Authority Board, effective December 31, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Appointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Leah Spangler to the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Board, for a 6-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Oscar Cashaw to the Cambria County Transit Authority Board, for a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Christy Leiato to the Cambria County Transit Authority Board, to fill an unexpired term beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Christopher McCall to the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority Board, for a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve appointing Adam Murphy to the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority Board, to fill an unexpired term beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the appointment of Dr. Joe Turano to the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority Board, for a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Reappointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve reappointing the following individuals to the Cambria County Children & Youth Advisory Board, for 3-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024.

Alan Johnson
Robert Cabala

Debra Crowder
Blair Pawlowski, Esquire

Patricia Fyock
Donna Cauffiel

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve reappointing Samuel A. Piccioni to the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority Board, for a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve reappointing the following individuals to the Cambria County War Memorial Authority Board, for 4-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2025.

Martin Kuhar

Aimee Willett, Esquire

Ken Jubas

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve reappointing Renee Daly and Vicki Vasile to the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority Board, for 5-year terms, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve reappointing Joseph Slifko to the Cambria County Transit Authority Board, for a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve reappointing Michael Parrish, Esquire, to the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority Board, for a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hire:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to hire Savannah Irvin, Full-Time Department Clerk I/Float for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 3-H/\$10.21 per hour), effective December 20, 2021. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Sarah Wess, Full-Time Department Clerk II/Float for the Election Office, (Paygrade 9-B/\$15.05 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk II/Float for the Tax Claim Office, (Paygrade 11-C/\$15.85 per hour), effective December 7, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Sarah Fetzer, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$10.55 per hour), to Full-Time Court Reporter for the Courts, (Paygrade 47-K/\$30.52 per hour), effective December 6, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Taylor Frederick, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.40 per hour), effective December 7, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Wendy Washko, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 7-B/\$10.03 per hour), effective December 8, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Noah Sleasman, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.40 per hour), effective December 19, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Dayna Edwards, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective December 7, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Thomas Owens, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$22.81 per hour), effective December 2, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Brenda Panick, Full-Time Department Clerk I for Adult Probation, (Paygrade 3-B/\$10.02 per hour), effective December 4, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jennifer Shero, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$20.40 per hour), effective November 25, 2021.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Denise Robbins, Full-Time Head Clerk for the Tax Claim Bureau, (Paygrade 28-B/\$18.85 per hour), effective January 15, 2022.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of Nathan Wingard as a Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective November 29, 2021. (Action originally taken at the November 18, 2021, Public Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of David Rummel, Jr., as a Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), effective November 29, 2021. (Action originally taken at the November 18, 2021, Public Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Modification:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve modifying the removal effective date of Donald Shirk, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.17 per hour), from November 21, 2021, to November 20, 2021. (Action originally taken at the November 18, 2021, Public Meeting).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 23, 2021, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk