

# **CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes**

**September 28, 2023**

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 14, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 15, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 18, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 19, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 20, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 21, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 22, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 25, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 26, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA  
September 27, 2023**

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

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

**The Commissioners' 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 Hunt to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held September 14, 2023, but to approve them and place them on file.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.**

**Public Comment:**

Etta Albright spoke on poverty.

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

1. September 25, 2023, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. September 26, 2023, meeting with Human Resources and Solicitor.

**Resolutions:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Resolution Certifying Provision of Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance for the Cambria County Transit Authority, fiscal year 2023-2024, in the amount of \$894,106.75.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a Resolution authorizing a Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Program Application requesting a grant in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the Improvements to Support Transit Center Complex Project, a/k/a the East Main Street Project.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, in the amount of \$656,639.00, beginning August 21, 2023, and ending August 20, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement with The EADS Group to provide a boundary survey of Tax Parcel Nos. 72-001.-101.000 and 72-001.-127.000, in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Plans of Safe Care Support Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, in the amount of \$40,000.00, beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

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 BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Merakey Pennsylvania	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.	\$20,848.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Central Cambria School District	SAP Training Reimbursement	\$3,000.00 max
Bishop McCort Catholic High School	SAP Training Reimbursement	\$3,000.00 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

City Mission – Living Stones, Inc.						
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	23-24 Per-Diem Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Allowable Maintenance Per-Diem Rate	Allowable Administration Per-Diem Rate
454200	HH	Hope House	330.00/day			
448960	PH	Promise House	230.00/day			
448970	PH	Promise House	230.00/day			
448980	PH	Promise House	230.00/day			

The Christian Home of Johnstown, Inc.	
Service Provided	Rate
Independent Living Services	\$113.78/contact

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Tax Appeals:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Cambria Prime Realty, LLC, filed at No. 2022-3048.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Petition to Settle by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Equity Partners, Inc., filed at No. 2022-3175.

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 DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC, filed at No. 2019-4762.

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 Adar Johnstown, LLC, filed at No. 2021-3437 and 2021-3438.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

**Change Order:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Change Order No. 1 of Charles J. Merlo, Inc., with regard to the Red Mill Bridge Replacement Project, in the following amounts:

Item 9000-0004 – Conduit Support	\$12,600.00
Item 481-0052 – Tree/Stump Removal	1,360.00
Item 0204-0100 – Class 3 Excavation	(1,495.00)
Item 1001-1140 – Class C Cement Concrete	<u>(19,412.00)</u>
<b>Original Contract Price</b>	<b>\$1,694,000.00</b>
<b>New Contract Price</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,687,053.00</u></b>

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Suzanne Lehmier, Part-Time Permanent Hearing Officer for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 48-C/\$41,446.86 annually), effective September 18, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Aimee Willett, Part-Time Permanent Hearing Officer for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 48-C/\$41,446.86 annually), effective September 18, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Joshua Krise, Full-Time Veterans Affairs Representative for Veterans Affairs, (Paygrade 23-B/\$12.29 per hour), effective October 9, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Jaeanne Mikitko, Full-Time Clerk Typist I/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-E/\$12.00 per hour), effective October 9, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Nicole Burkhardt, Full-Time Clerk Typist I/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-E/\$12.00 per hour), to Full-Time Head Clerk for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 28-B/\$12.63 per hour), effective October 9, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Hannah Penrod, Per-Diem Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-C/\$12.00 per hour), effective September 18, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Candy Livingston, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the Clerk of Courts, (Paygrade 3-B/\$12.00 per hour), effective September 28, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Emily Jacoby, Full-Time Tax Appraiser for Tax Assessment, (Paygrade 39-C/\$13.50 per hour), effective September 22, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Joshua Jacoby, Full-Time Watchman/Custodian for CPC Maintenance, (Paygrade 9-D/\$12.42 per hour), effective October 1, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Lisa McGrath, Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$35,945.26 annually), effective September 28, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Salary Correction:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to correct the salary of Sabrina Uebel, Full-Time Care Manager III for the Area Agency on Aging, (45-B/\$50,249.16 annually), to (45-B/\$52,213.46 annually), effective September 18, 2023. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held September 14, 2023).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Rescind:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to rescind the hiring of Glennda Novotny, Full-Time Social Services Aide I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 15-V/\$24,375.00 annually), effective September 25, 2023. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held September 14, 2023).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, 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.

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Tara N. Keilman, Deputy Chief Clerk