

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

October 12, 2023

**Ebensburg, PA
September 28, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
September 29, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 2, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 3, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 4, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 5, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 6, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 9, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 10, 2023**

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

**Ebensburg, PA
October 11, 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 10:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held September 28, 2023, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

COMMISSIONERS

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. October 9, 2023, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. October 10, 2023, meeting with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to amend the Agenda.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposal of The EADS Group to provide engineering services, with regard to the Johnstown Sidewalk Improvement Project, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Grant:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve accepting the 2023 BJA Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Grant award, Application No. GRANT13834915, from the Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$1,299,346.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resolutions:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for fiscal year 2023 funds under the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant Program for Cambria County and an application on behalf of the entitlement Townships of Adams, Cambria, and Jackson.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a Resolution to allow for an application to request Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant funds, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, to be used to build a new Records Storage Building.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, on behalf of the Corporation for National and Community Service, (AmeriCorps), in the amount of \$122,461.53.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Agreement with OnSolve, LLC, to provide CodeRED services for the Cambria County Department of Emergency Services, for a term beginning November 11, 2023, and ending November 10, 2026, at an annual rate of \$8,006.80.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Full and Final Release/General Release and Settlement Agreement for Rachel Daniels.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
KELS, LLC	Additional support for Cambria County Intellectual Disability consumers due to their unique behavior or physical needs.	\$73,272.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve four (4) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Horizon	Software maintenance and license agreement.	\$1,799.00
Breaking the Barriers	Crisis intervention services and emergency services delegate.	\$350,000.00
Greater Johnstown Landlord Association	Provider shall operate the day-to-day operations in the execution of Cambria County's Comprehensive Housing Rental Assistance Program.	\$155,256.00
Greater Johnstown Landlord Association	Performs any duties as they relate to Housing & Urban Development, (HUD), Point in Time Outreach, as well as in the development and coordination of the Single Point Entry Housing Process.	\$55,365.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

Delta Family Services, LLC							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
145600	MM	General FC - II (0 - 12)	\$81.82			\$34.63	\$47.19
		For mileage per in-person court appearance.	\$275.00				
		For in-person staff attendance. (This staff will have an 11-13 hour day to attend court in person).	\$150.00				

Adoption Connection, PA							
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
411680	BC	Foster Family Class – BC	\$73.47/day			\$23.00	\$50.47
411680	PT	Foster Family Class – PT	\$107.53/day			\$57.00	\$50.53
411680	YF	Foster Family Class – YF	\$84.47/day			\$34.00	\$50.47
411680	OT	Foster Family Class – OT	\$119.34/day			\$69.00	\$50.34
411680	YT	Foster Family Class – YT	\$114.53/day			\$64.00	\$50.53
411680	OF	Foster Family Class – OF	\$89.47/day			\$39.00	\$50.47

Brant's Driving School, Inc.	
Service Provided	Rate
Behind-the-Wheel Training (6 hours)	\$5.00/per hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Ferndale Area School District	SAP Training Reimbursement	\$3,000.00 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve a 2023 tax refund to Capital Estates, LLC, Parcel No. 71.001.-200.000, in the amount of \$12,329.62, pursuant to the Court Order filed in Case No. 2022-3707.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Tax Exoneration:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve exonerating the County's portion of taxes and penalties owed on property located at 417 Ohio Street, pending transfer of the property to the McIlwain Family Limited Partnership.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

Change Orders:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the following Change Orders of Hallstrom-Clark Electric, Inc., with regard to the Jamesway Building Project:

No. 10 – Dedicated Data Room Receptacle	\$2,129.95
No. 11 – Flag Pole Lighting	\$ 814.95
No. 13 – Security Revisions	\$1,705.95

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the resignation of Aimee L. Willett from the Cambria County War Memorial Authority Board, effective September 26, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of William W. Marshall to the Cambria County War Memorial Authority Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning October 12, 2023, and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to appoint John Lovette, III, Interim Director of Public Defender for the Public Defender’s Office, (Paygrade 70-J/\$71,061.40 annually), effective September 11, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Lisa Oyaski, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$21,840.00 annually), effective October 16, 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 William Patterson, Per-Diem Renovation Crew Supervisor for the Renovation Crew, (Paygrade 000-Z/\$15.00 per hour), effective October 16, 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 Stephanie Schenk, Full-time Department Clerk I for the Prothonotary’s Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$12.00 per hour), effective October 16, 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 Gabrielle Delanois, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 48-D/\$50,903.16 annually), effective October 23, 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 Heidi Coleman, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$31,200.00 annually), effective October 16, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Leslie Morgenstern, Full-Time Fiscal Technician for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 30-F/\$26,500.50 annually), to Full-Time Accountant I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-H/\$31,863.00 annually), effective October 16, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Kyle Brawley, Per-Diem Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$14.00 per hour), to Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.95 per hour), effective October 15, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Jill Schankweiler, Full-Time Clerical Supervisor I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 24-B/\$28,018.12 annually), effective October 14, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Heidi Piurkowsky, Full-Time Casework Supervisor for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 57-F/\$69,912.44 annually), effective October 28, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove George Lung, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.52 per hour), effective October 4, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Thursday, October 26, 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.

Tara N. Keilman, Deputy Chief Clerk