

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

January 25, 2024

Ebensburg, PA
January 11, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 12, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 15, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 16, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 17, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 18, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 19, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 22, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 23, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 24, 2024

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 the Community Arts Center of Cambria County, Menoher Boulevard, at 6:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of January 11, 2024, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola stated that he does not agree with the \$15.00 fee being reinstated for blighted property. He doesn't feel that the County is making a dent in the amount of blighted properties, and this is ultimately a tax. He also stated that he submitted a Right to Know Request for the amount of money being spent at the new Day Reporting Center, as it seems the County bought a building and did not have a proper inspection done. He is also hearing that the Courthouse is in need of a new roof.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. January 22, 2024, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. January 23, 2024, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Budget Transfers:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve ratifying 2023 budget transfers.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Resolution:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Resolution rescinding the Resolution approved by the Commissioners on December 21, 2023, revoking the imposition of a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) increase in the fees charged by the Recorder of Deeds Office for recording deeds and mortgages to fund the Cambria County Demolition Funds Program.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Amendment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Amendment No. 4 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement, No. 1007415500572021, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services, effective January 1, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Lease:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Lease with Nulton Diagnostic Treatment Center, for space at the Central Park Complex, for a term beginning November 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024, at a rate of \$38,379.00 annually.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, beginning October 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$84,219.56.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Information Age Technologies, Inc., on behalf of the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, to provide XML conversion software, beginning December 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, at a rate of \$500.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Access to Electronic Health Records Agreement with PrimeCare Medical, Inc., on behalf of the Cambria County Prison.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Letter Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, on behalf of the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, extending the term of the AAA 10 Title XIX Agreement, No. 4100089128, through June 30, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Letter of Agreement with Peniel Residential Treatment Facility with regard to a referral system at the Cambria County Prison.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to table approving the Inmate Commissary Agreement with Oasis Management Systems, Inc., for a term beginning April 1, 2024, and ending April 1, 2029.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the conflict waiver for dual representation on tax appeals, as requested by Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLP.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Letter Agreement with Benjamin J. Policicchio, AIA, ACHA, CHFM, to provide engineering services with regard to building a new records storage building, at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contract (Provided Funding is Available):

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

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
University of Georgia	Onsite SAAF Training – Flood City Youth Fitness Academy	\$10,600.00 max

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 2023-2024.

Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc.

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Per-Diem Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Allowable Costs
465990		Group/Shelter	\$244.99	\$ 0.83	\$ 244.16
453100					
443810		Transitional Living	\$164.29	\$0.00	\$164.29
453120					
		Out of Area Transportation	\$0.655 per mile		
		Fee for Service – Per Event	\$122.50		

After Care/Mobile Case Management Program – Rates:
Per Hour at Pentz Run Youth Services - \$75.00
Per Hour In-Home - \$85.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a tax refund to Craig W. and Kerri A. Lecrone, Map No. 44-019.-200.000, for the following years and amounts, per the Court Order entered at 2021-3587.

2022 - \$4,578.57

2023 - \$4,504.72

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to authorize and direct the Tax Claim Bureau Director to strike, from the records in her office, taxes plus penalty, interest, and fees assessed against:

Control No.	Map No.	Assessed Name	Municipality	Exonerate
23-55470	23-016.-427.000	Oaks, Russell L., II	Jackson Township	2020-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-60116	34-059.-000.033	Evergreen Associates	Jackson Township	2018-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-104846	34-059.-000.098	Chapaloney, Tracy L. & Jason	Jackson Township	2021-2022 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.

34-105029	34-059.-000.100	Kania, Gordon	Jackson Township	2016-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-112054	34-059.-000.043	McGinnis, Sherry	Jackson Township	2013-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-113417	34-059.-000.064	Gray, Melissa	Jackson Township	2021-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-113501	34-059.-000.069	Li, Danielle	Jackson Township	2019-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-114339	34-059.-000.118	Griffon, Chance	Jackson Township	2019-2023 axes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-119438	34-059.-000.023	Durbin, Melissa & Deloatch, Julie	Jackson Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-119520	34-059.-000.053	Michaels, Deborah	Jackson Township	2012-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-119606	34-059.-000.022	Graffius, Bert M. & Amanda J.	Jackson Township	2014-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
34-119623	34-059.-000.016	Robinson, William D. & Elvie R.	Jackson Township	2017-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119009	49-021.-000.097	Ball, Tiffany	Reade Township	2021-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119358	49-008.-000.019	Downs, Earl, Sr.	Reade Township	2010-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119359	49-003.-141.01T	Bougher, Sherry L.	Reade Township	2019-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119354	49-008.-000.009	Shover Investment Group, LLC	Reade Township	2014-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119362	49-008.-000.030	Conso, Kimberly	Reade Township	2012-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119374	49-019.-117.01T	Bassinger, Brandi	Reade Township	2015-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119390	49-011.-101.01T	Dickinson, Kim	Reade Township	2005-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
49-119455	49-022.-240.02T	Lamoreau, Jimmy J.	Reade Township	2014-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
52-113470	52-011.-000.087	Probst, Randy	Scalp Level Borough	2019-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
62-77984	62-008.-000.012	Shover Investment Group 2, LLC	Reade Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
62-107120	62-008.-000.068	Levinicz, George & Mary Grace	Reade Township	2012-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
62-107162	62-008.-000.066	Weaver, Jessica	Upper Yoder Township	2011-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224880	68-014.-116.27T	Campbell, Gale	White Township	2002-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224925	68-015.-202.195	Light, Nichole	White Township	2021-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224857	68-015.-202.153	Glendale Valley Campground	White Township	2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-225228	68-015.-202.177	Burns, Andrew	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-225061	68-015.-202.179	Glendale Campground, LLC	White Township	2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224885	68-014.-116.29T	Guerin, Adam	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224934	68-015.-202.050	Miller, Philip F.	White Township	2002-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-225211	68-015.-202.000	Porter, Randy	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-225214	68-015.-202.062	Ickes, Brian & Jessica	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-225215	68-014.-116.74T	Bradburn, Samantha	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224785	68-015.-202.092	Plows, Melissa & Tamara	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224799	68-015.-202.106	Burns, William C. & June	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224814	68-015.-202.121	Schlemmer, Don	White Township	2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-225220	68-015.-202.122	Bailer, Patrick	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-83378	68-014.-116.002	Judd, Eric J.	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-224786	68-015.-202.093	Fletcher, Terry & Delores	White Township	2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
68-225225	68-015.-202.147	Poruban, Tim	White Township	2022-2023 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Change Orders:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Change Order of Hallstrom-Clark Electric, Inc., to add additional security monitors at the Domestic Relations/Day Reporting Center Building, in the amount of \$4,806.50.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Change Order of Brickley Construction, Inc., to provide a roof replacement at the Domestic Relations/Day Reporting Center Building, in the amount of \$241,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Georgia Gaillard, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,713.00 annually), effective February 5, 2024. (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 Cara Franceschini, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$12.59 per hour), effective February 5, 2024. (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 Keegan Leis, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,713.00 annually), effective February 5, 2024. (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 Rita Donahue, Full-Time Care Manager II for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 43-D/\$36,566.92 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$36,566.92 annually), effective January 29, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Tammy St. Clair, Full-Time Fiscal Specialist for the Prison, (Paygrade 30-V/\$17.82 per hour), to Full-Time Administrative Secretary for the Prison, (Paygrade 36-C/\$18.71 per hour), effective January 29, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Jackson Rummel, Full-Time Maintenance Worker I/Voting Machine Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 13-E/\$13.05 per hour), effective January 13, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove David Murphy, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$30.40 per hour), effective February 3, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Marleena Clapper, Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$14.71 per hour), effective January 20, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Theodore Theys, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.65 per hour), effective January 22, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the salary of Amy Spinos, Full-Time Law Clerk for the Courts, from (Paygrade 48-D/\$50,903.16 annually) to (Paygrade 48-D/\$52,122.56 annually), effective January 17, 2024. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held January 11, 2024).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the removal date of Thomas Hagerman, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$22.95 per hour), from January 12, 2024, to January 8, 2024. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held December 21, 2023).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve rescinding the hiring of Jenna Keener, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective January 22, 2024. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held December 21, 2023).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hunt stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tara N. Keilman, Deputy Chief Clerk