

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

February 22, 2024

Ebensburg, PA
February 8, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 9, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 12, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 13, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 14, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 15, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 16, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 19, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 20, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
February 21, 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 in the Library of Cambria Heights Elementary School, Carrolltown, at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment:

John DeBartola stated or commented on the following:

1. There will be a cancer benefit at Lucy's Place on Saturday. Everyone is invited to attend.
2. June, 2024, is Pride Month, and he hopes that the Commissioners will provide another Proclamation.
3. With regard to the Airport Authority appointment, who is Tyler Trimboth, and what does he bring to the Board?
4. He learned recently about the \$122,000.00 payment regarding a violation by the Area Agency on Aging. Why was no one disciplined or fired?

5. With regard to the \$5.00 fee Ordinance on the Agenda, he asked the Commissioners to vote no. He believes this is a tax that will bring in \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00 a year that will ultimately be kept in a “slush” fund, since all of the bridges are fixed.

6. He is still asking to know who was on the ‘Republican Transition Team,’ and he doesn’t understand why no one will just tell him.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to waive the reading of the Minutes of February 8, 2024, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. February 19, 2024, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. February 20, 2024, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Ordinance:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve Ordinance No. 1 of 2024 rescinding Ordinance No. 2 of 2023, which will keep the established \$5.00 “Fee for Local Use” on all non-exempt vehicles registered through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in full force and effect.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Deed:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Confirmatory Deed conveying property identified as Parcel No. 56-035.-205.000, located in the Borough of Northern Cambria, to Bryan J. and Heather M. Albright.

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 Children & Youth Services, Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Forget Me Knot Children & Youth Services					
Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Per-Diem Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Allowable Costs
148430	AA	Mecca's House	\$204.10		
148420	AA	The Anchor House	\$204.10		
		Shelter Care	\$225.00		

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Exonerations:

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky 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
23-54594	23-010.-105.000	Catalfano, Sharon J.	East Taylor Township	1998-2001 taxes. Sold at 2013 Private Sale.
23-54596	23-010.-104.000	Catalfano, Sharon J.	East Taylor Township	1998-2001 taxes. Sold at 2013 Private Sale.
23-54598	23-010.-107.000	Catalfano, Sharon J.	East Taylor Township	1998-2001 taxes. Sold at 2013 Private Sale.
23-55421	23-010.-323.000	Catalfano, Sharon J.	East Taylor Township	1998-2001 taxes. Sold at 2013 Private Sale.
23-55428	23-010.-316.000	Catalfano, Sharon J.	East Taylor Township	1998-2001 taxes. Sold at 2013 Private Sale.
23-55439	23-010.-322.000	Catalfano, Sharon J.	East Taylor Township	1998-2001 taxes. Sold at 2013 Private Sale.
49-113486	49-009.-000.097	Rodkey, Theodore C.	Reade Township	2003-2008 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.
52-118952	52-011.-000.097	Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance	Scalp Level Borough	2006-2013 taxes. Trailer strike off per Tax Assessment.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Resignation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the resignation of Jolene Wesner from the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority, effective February 5, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve appointing Tyler Trimboth to the Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority, to fill an unexpired term, beginning February 22, 2024, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Richard Cosgrove, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$31,531.50 annually), effective March 4, 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 Ryan Niklaus, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$22,586.20 annually), effective March 4, 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 Molly Hamula, Per-Diem Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-C/\$12.00 per hour), effective March 4, 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 Jessica Stuer, Full-Time Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 35-D/\$38,147.20 annually), effective March 4, 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 Thomas A. Swope, III, Part-Time Solicitor for the Coroner's Office, (Paygrade 000-C/\$1,800.00 annually), effective February 1, 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 Dale Rearick, Per-Diem Election Worker for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-S/\$12.00 per hour), effective March 4, 2024, through December 31, 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 Patricia Dulashaw, Per-Diem Clerk Typist I for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 3-A/\$12.00 per hour), effective February 26, 2024, through December 31, 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 Tennille Smay, Full-Time Social Services Aide II for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 15-X/\$28,947.88 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,713.00 annually), effective February 26, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Sherri Bender-Yeckley, Full-Time Department Clerk II for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 9-E/\$13.86 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$14.55 per hour), effective February 26, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Barbara Eckenrod, Full-Time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 54-F/\$57,132.14 annually), to Full-Time Casework Supervisor for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 57-F/\$62,845.38 annually), effective March 4, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Todd Murphy, Full-Time Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$31,531.50 annually), to Full-Time Case Aide I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 15-W/\$25,174.50 annually), effective February 19, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Keegan Leis, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Services, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,713.00 annually), effective February 9, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Heaven Wiley, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$20.45 per hour), effective February 16, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Katelyn Shultz, Full-Time Telecommunicator for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$17.78 per hour), effective February 6, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Lynne Dougherty, Full-Time Jury Commission Clerk/Law Librarian for the Courts, (Paygrade 27-C/\$21.28 per hour), effective March 2, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to rescind the hiring of Megan Morgan, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.62 per hour), effective February 19, 2024. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held February 8, 2024).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hunt stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Thursday, March 14, 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.

Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk