

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

July 25, 2024

Ebensburg, PA  
July 11, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 12, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 15, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 16, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 17, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 18, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 19, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 22, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 23, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA  
July 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, in the Board Room of Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Johnstown, at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Comment:**

Etta Albright spoke about mental health.

Natalie Depto-Veseg spoke regarding properties located along trails.

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

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

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

**Resolutions:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve Resolutions requesting Statewide Local Share Assessment Grants for the following projects and respective amounts:

1. Spangler Volunteer Fire Station Renovation Project \$911,880.00
2. Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association Fire School Renovation Project \$153,000.00
3. Cambria County Humane Society's CARE (Cat Adoption Resource Education) Expansion Project \$709,872.85

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed. Commissioner Hunt abstained.

**Agreement:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Agreement with Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies to provide services related to the COSSUP Grant received by Cambria County Adult Probation, beginning July 25, 2024, and ending September 30, 2026, or until all grant funds have been expended, whichever occurs sooner.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>New Not to Exceed</u>
Care Givers America, LLC	Provide personal care and home support.	\$69,755.00	\$95,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>New Not to Exceed</u>
The Nutrition Group	Provider shall offer primary and emergency meals to eligible adult clients as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements.	\$50,000.00	\$51,470.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>New Not to Exceed</u>
Skills of Central PA, Inc.	Community habilitation services via care, support, and skills training with supervision.	\$262,439.00	\$304,942.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Allegheny Accessibility	Ramps, grab bars, home improvements.	\$15,000.00 max
Nealen Persona Care, Inc.	Provide personal care and home support.	\$125,000.00 max
Christin Grove, RN	Provide PS consulting.	\$3,000.00 max

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve five (5) Service Contracts for Cambria County Human Services, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alleghenies Unlimited Providers	Provide adult homemaker services to eligible clients, as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements supplements.	\$40,000.00
Cambria County Children & Youth Services	Provide counseling and intervention to eligible clients, as outlined in the Human Services Developmental Fund Instructions and Requirements supplements.	\$50,000.00
Community Action Partnership of Cambria County	Provider shall offer case-management services to eligible clients as outlined in the Assistance Program Instructions and Requirements.	\$12,000.00

Community Action Partnership of Cambria County	Provider shall offer rental assistance services to eligible clients as outlined in the Assistance Program Instructions and Requirements.	\$66,000.00
The Women's Help Center	Provider shall offer emergency shelter assistance services to eligible clients as outlined in the Assistance Program Instructions and Requirements.	\$132,000.00

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve fifteen (15) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
accessAbilities, Inc.	Occupational, physical, and speech therapy along with special instruction including special instruction for nutrition, vision, and behavior with regard to the Early Intervention Program.	\$25,000.00
The Arc of Cambria County	Adult Day Care Program, a Recreation/Socialization Program, and family aid/family-driven services.	\$25,720.00
Breaking the Barriers	Crisis intervention and emergency services.	\$400,000.00
A Bridge to Independence	Provider will link, coordinate, and monitor services per the needs of the consumer.	\$5,000.00
C&S Contract Speech Language Pathology Services, Inc., d/b/a Blair Therapies	Provide pediatric physical/occupational therapies, speech therapy, social work, and special instruction for behavior, hearing, and vision.	\$15,000.00
Cambria County Association for the Blind & Handicapped	Shelter employment program with the intent of maintaining the overall personal, social, and vocational needs of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	\$61,862.00
Cambria County Association for the Blind & Handicapped	Shelter employment program with the intent of maintaining the overall personal, social, and vocational needs of those with mental health and developmental disabilities.	\$188,667.00
Center for Community Resources	Linkage, coordination, and monitoring services per the needs of the consumer.	\$25,000.00
Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center @ Windber	Social work along with occupational, speech, and physical therapies for those identified in the Early Intervention Program.	\$90,000.00
Melissa Gehlman, Independent Contractor	Occupational therapy for the Early Intervention Program.	\$9,500.00
North Star Services, Inc.	Services for family-based mental health, psychiatric outpatient, and services for intellectual disabilities assessments including psychological evaluations and autism diagnostic observation schedule.	\$5,000.00
OneWell, LLC	Additional support in the medical environment for when the medical staff is unable to provide for a consumer due to a unique behavior or physical need.	\$17,878.00
Peer Empowerment Network	Consumer Drop-in Center, which promotes consumer participation in meetings, task forces, and/or committees.	\$200,000.00
Rebekah Manor Wellness Community	Supported structured living arrangement services for mentally ill elderly adults with a primary diagnosis of mental health.	\$159,560.00
The Women's Help Center	Provider shall offer a shelter contingency plan for the homeless that are not appropriate for the Women's Help Center Communal Family Shelter.	\$100,000.00

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve seven (7) Service Contracts for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

Vendor	Service Provided	Contract Amount	
<u>DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC</u> New Visions Chemical Dependency Program	Intensive Outpatient	\$51.00 per hour	
	Outpatient – Group	\$41.00 per hour	
	Outpatient – Individual	\$80.00 per hour	
	Outpatient Co-Dependency	\$80.00 per hour	
	Drug Screen	\$50.00 per 9-panel test	
	Early Intervention – Individual	\$80.00 per hour	
	Early Intervention – Group	\$41.00 per hour	
	Intake	\$80.00	
	<u>UHS of Pennsylvania, Inc., d/b/a Roxbury Treatment Center</u>	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$283.00 per day
		Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$254.00 per day
Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient – Co-occurring		\$291.00 per day	
<u>Impact Counseling Services, Inc.</u>	Early Intervention (School or Office-Based)	\$80.00 per hour	
	Intake (School or Office-Based)	\$80.00 per hour	
	Outpatient Counseling – Individual	\$65.00 per hour	
	Outpatient Counseling – Group	\$20.00 per hour	
	Outpatient Counseling – School Based – Individual	\$80.00 per hour	
	Outpatient Counseling – School Based – Group	\$20.00 per hour	
	Outpatient Counseling – Co-dependency	\$80.00 per hour	
	Outpatient Counseling – Family Therapy	\$65.00 per hour	
	<u>Buprenorphine and Naltrexone</u>		
	Intake/Physical	\$200.00 per occurrence	
	Medical Follow-up	\$80.00 per occurrence	
	Medication Callback	\$70.00 per occurrence	
	Vivitrol Injection	Actual Cost	
<u>Medical Decision Logic, Inc.</u>	Provide for Student Mental Health Software System, bhworks, for 14 school districts within the County through the Cambria County RISE Project.	\$57,000.00	
<u>Community Guidance Center</u>	Outpatient – Individual	\$90.00 per hour	
	Outpatient – Group	\$44.00 per hour	
	Intensive Outpatient – Individual	\$90.00 per hour	
	Intensive Outpatient – Group	\$44.00 per hour	
	Intake	\$90.00 per hour	
	Family Therapy	\$18.40 per 15 minutes	
<u>UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Twin Lakes</u> Johnstown	Individual – Level 1	\$60.00 per hour	
	Individual – Level 1 (School-Based)	\$80.00 per hour	
	Group – Level 1	\$22.00 per hour	
	Intensive OP – Level 2.1	\$35.00 per hour	
	Intake	\$80.00 per hour	
	Evaluation	\$80.00 per hour	
	Level 2.5 Partial Hospitalization	\$19.00 per hour	
	Urine Drug Screen – 10 Drug	\$55.00 per test	
	Drug Test – Definitive	\$40.00 per test	
	CRS – Individual	\$76.00 per hour	
	CRS – Group	\$22.00 per hour	
	Early Intervention (School or Office-Based)	\$80.00 per hour	

Somerset	Level 3.7 Medically-Monitored Intensive Inpatient (WM)	\$419.00 per day
Somerset – Outpatient	Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Inpatient	\$323.00 per day
	Outpatient – Individual Level 1	\$60.00 per hour
	Outpatient – Group Level 1	\$22.00 per hour
	Intensive OP Level 2.1	\$35.00 per hour
	Intake	\$80.00 per hour
	Evaluation	\$80.00 per hour
	Level 2.5 Partial Hospitalization	\$19.00 per hour
	Urine Drug Screen – 10 Drug	\$55.00 per test
	Drug Test – Definitive	\$40.00 per test
	CRS – Individual	\$76.00 per hour
	CRS – Group	\$22.00 per hour
Ebensburg	Individual Level 1	\$60.00 per hour
	Individual Level 1 (School-Based)	\$80.00 per hour
	Group Level 1	\$22.00 per hour
	Intensive OP Level 2.1	\$35.00 per hour
	Intake	\$80.00 per hour
	Evaluation	\$80.00 per hour
	Urine Drug Screen – 10 Drug	\$55.00 per test
	Drug Test – Definitive	\$40.00 per test
	CRS – Individual	\$76.00 per hour
	CRS – Group	\$22.00 per hour
	Early Intervention (School or Office-Based)	\$80.00 per hour
<u>LaRocco Counseling, Inc.</u>	Outpatient – Individual	\$80.00 per hour
		\$40.00 per 30 minutes
	Outpatient – Group	\$20.00 per hour
		\$10.00 per 30 minutes
	Intensive Outpatient – Individual	\$80.00 per hour
		\$40.00 per 30 minutes
	Intensive Outpatient – Group	\$20.00 per hour
		\$10.00 per 30 minutes
	Drug Screen	\$15.00 each
	Co-dependency	\$80.00 per hour

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve three (3) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Kidspace National Centers, Inc.

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Title IV-E Allowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
	AA	Residential Treatment	\$633.54 per diem	\$275.94		\$256.90	\$100.70
207040	AA	Diagnostic	\$633.54 per diem	\$275.94		\$256.90	\$100.70
	SA	Clinical Shelter	\$802.23 per diem	\$360.54		\$340.57	\$101.12
		Personal Care Costs	\$ 3.00 per diem				
		One-on-One Services	\$72.00 per hour				
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	EE	Regular Foster Care – 10-18 years	\$130.77 per diem	\$52.00		\$25.00	\$53.77
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207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	AA	Intensive Foster Care – 0-9 years	\$130.45 per diem	\$49.39		\$30.00	\$51.06
207090 302710 141870 352290 112270 239140 352330 206210 239120 352310	DD	Regular Foster Care – 0-9 years	\$120.49 per diem	\$49.41		\$20.00	\$51.08
		Mileage (in excess of 100 miles round-trip)	Current IRS Rate				
		Lodging	\$100.00 per night (plus tax)				
		Meals & Other Subsistence Expenses	State Minimum Rates				
		Staffing Expenses – Direct Care Staff (minimum 4 hours)	\$50.00 per hour				
		Staffing Expenses – Clinical Staff (minimum 4 hours)	\$100.00 per hour				
		Staffing Expenses – Medical Staff (minimum 4 hours)	\$200.00 per hour				

Children's Aid Society of Mercer County

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Per-Diem Rate	Maintenance	Administrative
432850	FC	Foster Care	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$35.00

Faith, Hope & Charity Foster Care Agency

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Per-Diem Rate	Title IV-E Unallowable	Allowable Maintenance	Allowable Admin
230030	AB	Foster Family - Regular	\$172.41 per day		\$38.00	\$134.41
	CD	Foster Family – Special Needs	\$181.41 per day		\$47.00	\$134.41
	EF	Foster Family – Therapeutic Care	\$191.41 per day		\$57.00	\$134.41
		Emergency Foster Care – Respite	\$181.41 per day			
		Mobile Supervised Visitation	\$40.00 per hour \$15.00 each additional child per hour			

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Contract Correction:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the amount of Level 3.5 Clinically-Managed High-Intensity Residential services of SpiritLife, Inc., for Cambria County Drug & Alcohol, Fiscal Year 2024-2025, from \$213.00 per day to \$254.00 per day. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held July 11, 2024).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Bid:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the bid of Earthshapers, LLC, of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for the Vintondale Borough Flood Control Stream Improvement Project, Phase I, in the amount of \$112,146.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Tax Refund:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 2024 tax refund to 320 Eisenhower, LLC, Map No. 57-020.-375.000, in the amount of \$591.52, pursuant to the Court Order entered at No. 2023-4096.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Breann Latoche, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$12.59 per hour), effective July 29, 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 Kerry Capelli, Full-Time Conference Officer for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 47-A/\$37,702.13 annually), effective August 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 Elizabeth Hajduk, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Court, (Paygrade 47-C/\$37,702.13 annually), effective July 29, 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 Kailee St. Pierre, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 5-B/\$12.55 per hour), effective August 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 Chernisky to transfer Molly Ager, Full-Time Conference Officer for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 47-A/\$44,039.06 annually), to Full-Time Court Reporter for the Courts, (Paygrade 47-K/\$30.52 per hour), effective August 5, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Christopher Hester, Full-Time Telecommunicator III for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$26.96 per hour), to Full-Time Shift Supervisor for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 48-E/\$29.61 per hour), effective August 5, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Lindsay Layton, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 53-A/\$40,274.52 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 54-F/\$42,288.22 annually), effective July 29, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Timothy Rupert, Full-Time Caseworker II for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 53-A/\$40,274.52 annually), to Full-Time Caseworker III for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 54-F/\$42,288.22 annually), effective July 29, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Michael Oyaski, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$12.97 per hour), to Full-Time Maintenance Worker I/Voting Machine Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 13-E/\$13.04 per hour), effective July 29, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Kaitlyn Burkhardt, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer II for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 11-B/\$13.45 per hour), to Full-Time Department Clerk III for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 15-E/\$13.70 per hour), effective August 5, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to transfer Candy Livingston, Full-Time Department Clerk I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 3-B/\$12.41 per hour), to Full-Time Clerk Stenographer II for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 11-B/\$13.01 per hour), effective August 5, 2024.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Timothy Spangler, Full-Time Geo-Spatial Technician for GIS, (Paygrade 42-F/\$55,238.56 annually), effective August 3, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Lawrence Penatzer, Full-Time Shift Supervisor for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 48-E/\$29.61 per hour), effective August 2, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Mary Ann Farrell, Full-Time Second Deputy for the Treasurer's Office, (Paygrade 48-F/\$37,397.36 annually), effective August 2, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Robyn Lightcap, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk Supervisor for Magistrate Beyer's Office, (Paygrade 21-F/\$22.93 per hour), effective August 6, 2024.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Tammy St. Clair, Full-Time Administrative Secretary for the Prison, (Paygrade 36-C/\$38,916.80 annually), effective August 7, 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, August 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at Conference on the Park, Central Park Complex, Johnstown.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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**Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk**