

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

October 24, 2024

Ebensburg, PA
October 10, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 11, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 14, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 15, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 16, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 17, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 18, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 21, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 22, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 23, 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 Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment:

Etta Albright requested support to start a program to engage citizens in democracy.

John DeBartola voiced his concerns regarding the Commissioners taking action on a \$4,000,000.00 loan.

Jackie Kulback had questions regarding certain processes and procedures regarding the upcoming General Election.

Theresa Kosaber raised a concern about how the Ebensburg Post Office is handling mail-in ballots.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of October 10, 2024, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. October 21, 2024, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. October 22, 2024, meetings with Human Resources and Solicitor.

Ordinance:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve adopting Ordinance No. 2024-4 authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a General Obligation Note, in the principal amount of \$4,000,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Grant:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve applying for the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant, to be used for updating and purchasing equipment for the Cambria County Probation Office, in the amount of \$80,557.50.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Easement:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Deed of Temporary Right-of-Way and Easement with Ebensburg Municipal Authority to allow for the replacement of water lines.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Resource Technologies Corporation to provide services with regard to mineral valuations, for the years 2025 and 2026, at a rate of \$21,000.00 per year.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement, No. EMPG C950004667, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, for a term beginning October 24, 2024, and ending January 28, 2027, in the amount of \$63,987.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with WGL Energy Services, Inc., for the sale and delivery of electric power for County-owned facilities, beginning October 22, 2024, and ending with the November, 2026, meter read date, at a rate of \$0.08664/kWh (\$86.6400/MWh).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreement Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the Agreement with Community Action Partnership of Cambria County to reflect a trip rate of \$40.84 per trip, with regard to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held October 10, 2024).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve two (2) Service Contract Amendments for Cambria County BH/ID & EI, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Breaking the Barriers	Crisis intervention services and emergency services.	From: \$350,000.00 To: \$409,300.00
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.	From: \$100,000.00 To: \$104,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve four (4) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center, P.C.	Services for family-base mental health, psychiatric outpatient, and services for Intellectual Disabilities Assessments, including psychological evaluations and autism diagnostic observation schedule.	\$20,000.00
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	Perform 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
Cambria County Transit Authority	Advertising for Agency using the Urban King side space for 12 months.	\$9,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers	Provide personal care and home support.	\$230,000.00 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 Human Services, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Greater Johnstown Landlord Association	Provider shall offer Bridge Housing services to eligible clients as outlined in the Assistance Program Instructions and Requirements.	\$30,000.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve two (2) Service Contracts for Cambria County Children & Youth Service, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Merakey Pennsylvania

<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate Per Day</u>
Multiple	BX	Foster Care Plus (FCP)	\$114.02
Multiple	BD	Enhanced Foster Care	\$166.95
Multiple	EF	Foster Care Infant Only	\$104.81
Multiple	TF	Foster Care Mother with Infant	\$173.21
Multiple	TG	Foster Care Mother with Infant	\$173.21
Multiple	TH	Foster Care with two infants	\$248.88
Multiple	DD	Therapeutic Foster Care Mother with Infant.	\$135.82
Multiple	CX	Respite Foster Care	\$115.09
Multiple	HX	Emergency Respite	\$126.22
Multiple	FF	TFC Full Fee	\$174.22
Multiple	AA	Therapeutic Foster Care- (TFC) room and Board	\$56.10
Multiple	GG	CRR ITP	\$19.18
		Family Engagement	\$250.04 per diem
		Family Engagement	\$210.18 per diem

*Multiple = 211980 204690 208850 217060 306430 306590 307100 307120 312540 317820 401610 410660 318110 141990

The Children's Home of Pittsburgh

<u>Cert No.</u>	<u>Unit ID</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
432720	IA	Foster Care	\$71.00 per day
432720	IB	Foster Care	\$76.00 per day
432720	CA	Foster Care	\$79.00 per day
432720	CB	Foster Care	\$81.00 per day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Liquid Fuels:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve an additional 2024 liquid fuel allocation for Lilly Borough, in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Change Order:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Change Order of Penn Mechanical Group, Inc., for the Patton Borough Stream Reach Project, to allow for the placement of extra stone, in the amount of \$5,358.14, changing the contract amount from \$119,901.70 to \$125,259.84.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Tax Refund:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 2024 tax refund to Steven P. Clapper, Tax Map No. 48-031.-207.000, in the amount of \$217.30, pursuant to the Court Order entered in Case No. 2023-4386.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Julie Sweetland, Full-Time Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, (Paygrade 41-F/\$31,531.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective November 12, 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 Nathan Jarvis, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$12.97 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 28, 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 Dennis Brady, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.62 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 14, 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 Hannah Myers, Part-Time Assistant District Attorney for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 48-A/\$28,195.06 [1820 hours] annually), effective November 12, 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 Leslie, Full-Time Maintenance Worker I/Voting Machine Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 13-E/\$13.04 [2080 hours] per hour), effective November 12, 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 Sydnee Miller, Full-Time Caseworker I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 41-E/\$31,531.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective November 12, 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 Josie Makin, Full-Time Domestic Relations Clerk I for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 6-C/\$12.59 [1820 hours] per hour), effective November 12, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kevin Dolney, Full-Time Information Systems Specialist for Technology, (Paygrade 41-H/\$32,506.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective November 2, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Caleb Jones, Full-Time Maintenance Worker I/Voting Machine Custodian for Maintenance, (Paygrade 13-E/\$13.04 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Benjamin Walls, Full-Time Network Administrator/Operations Manager for Technology, (Paygrade 58-C/\$61,393.80 [2080 hours] annually), effective November 5, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Correction:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve correcting the end date of the removal of Joseph Frontino, Full-Time Lieutenant for the Prison, (Paygrade 67-C/\$58,891.04 [2080 hours] annually), from October 6, 2024, to October 3, 2024. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held September 12, 2024).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

President Commissioner Hunt stated that the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Thursday, November 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