

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

November 14, 2024

Ebensburg, PA
October 24, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 25, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 28, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 29, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 30, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
October 31, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 1, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 4, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 5, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 6, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 7, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 8, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 11, 2024

Courthouse closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Ebensburg, PA
November 12, 2024

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

Ebensburg, PA
November 13, 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:

Theresa Kosaber questioned how the County checks the voter roll.

John DeBartola stated his objections to the County providing \$100,000.00 to Vision 2025.

Edward Cernic, Jr., outlined capital projects that were previously completed by the County. He stated that he hopes that the Commissioners' Office will work together with the Controllers' Office in the future.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes of October 24, 2024, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

- 1. November 12, 2024, meeting with Agency Department Heads.**
- 2. November 12, 2024, meetings with Human Resources.**

Grants:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve submitting grant applications to the following entities for the stated projects and amounts:

- 1. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Cybersecurity Grant, in conjunction with the Prothonotary's Office and the Sheriff's Office, for a backup server, in the amount of \$55,000.00.**
- 2. National Historical Publications & Records Commission, for the Recorder of Deeds Office to update online storage for early County records and documents, in the amount of \$128,002.00.**
- 3. Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account, for roof repairs at the Central Park Complex, in the amount of \$150,000.00.**

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Lease:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a Lease with Nulton Diagnostic Treatment Center, for space at the Central Park Complex Building, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, at a rate of \$38,379.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Managed Care Operations, Division of Medical Assistance Transportation, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Letter Agreement with Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham, L.L.P., to serve as Cambria County Solicitor, for the years of 2025, 2026, and 2027, at a rate of \$6,250.00 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement between Thomson Reuters and the Cambria County Court Administrator’s Office, for legal materials provided by West Publishing Corporation, beginning November 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2025, at a rate of \$4,868.83 per month.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement between Thomson Reuters and the Cambria County Law Library, for legal materials provided by West Publishing Corporation, for a 3-year term, at the following rates:

- Year One – \$955.93 per month
- Year Two – \$984.61 per month
- Year Three – \$1,014.15 per month

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with The EADS Group to perform a structural evaluation of a portion of the Cambria County Human Services Building, at a rate of approximately \$3,500.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Quote and subsequent Agreement, pending Solicitor review, of Link Computer Corporation, to provide the following services at the stated rates:

- 1. One-year subscription for email backup and filtering \$40,250.00
- 2. Three-year subscription for Cisco software \$125,190.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

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

Adelphoi Village, Inc.					
Unit ID Type	Service Provided	Gender	Group Home	DHS Cert	Rate
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES					
MI	Intensive Supervision	Male	Sweeney	417680	\$404.66
MH	Intensive Supervision - Mental Health Focus	Female	Colony	459880	\$450.82
MH	Intensive Supervision - Mental Health Focus	Female	Susan’s	444040	\$450.82
MH	Sexual Offenses – Mental Health Focus	Male	Benet	474850	\$450.82
MH	Sexual Offenses – Mental Health Focus	Male	Loyalhanna	448150	\$450.82
MH	Sexual Offenses – Mental Health Focus	Male	Williams	318370	\$450.82
FS	Female Sex Offenders	Female	Marker	420430	\$617.57
SM	Specialized Setting – Mental Health Focus	Female	Alliance	411060	\$507.18
SM	Specialized Setting – Mental Health Focus	Male	Raphael	429060	\$507.18
SM	Specialized Setting – Mental Health Focus	Male	Vincent	421880	\$507.18
CC	Complex Case	Male	Hilltop	329670	\$1,132.46
ES	Enhanced Supervision	Male	Manor	333980	\$493.10
LQ	Sexual Offenses – La Sa Quik (Eastern Region)	Male	La Sa Quik	329120	\$437.74
DN	Detention	Male	Manor	338400	\$744.70
SS	Secure – Sexual Offense	Male	Middle Creek I	473050	\$562.54
SC	Secure	Male	Middle Creek III	445280	\$569.22
SC	Secure	Female	Middle Creek IV	454430	\$569.22
IL	Specialized Independent Living	Male	Saxman	446260	\$354.32
ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES					
	Diagnostic Evaluation (per service rate)	M/F			\$3,272.52
	Psychological Services (hourly rate)	M/F	n/a		\$191.74
	Polygraphs	M/F	n/a		\$482.99
	Juvenile Sexual Offender Assessment – Includes ABEL, JSOAP II, SAI-J sexual history assessments and court testimony.	M/F	n/a		\$1,490.26
MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY SERVICES					
	*MST – Non-MA Eligible	M/F	n/a		\$100.15
FOSTER CARE					
IF	Foster Care – Intensive/Kinship	M/F	n/a	226190 329170 332470 332490 423940 449830	\$100.11
PP	Foster Care - Pregnant and Parenting	Female	n/a	226190 329170 332470 332490 423940 449830	\$105.95
TF	Foster Care - Teen Focused	M/F	n/a	226190 329170	\$114.56

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AO	Foster Care – Agency Owned	M/F	n/a		\$182.58
	COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES				
	Family Relationship Coaching (Visitation) (FRC) (15 min.)	M/F	n/a		\$22.07
	Family Finding	M/F	n/a		\$44.17
	In-Home Prevention, Treatment, Aftercare (IHPTA)	M/F	n/a		\$88.23
	Truancy Division (15-minute rate)	M/F	n/a		\$24.41
	DAY TREATMENT				
	Day Treatment – School Year	M/F	n/a		\$78.78

Centre County Youth Service Bureau

Program	DPW Certificate Number	Total Per Diem	Allowable Title IV-E
Stormbreak Youth Program- 143 W. Fairmount Avenue State College, PA 16801 (814) 234-7929 Shelter Care and Group Care for females ages 12-18	329150	\$260.00	
YSB Supervised Independent Living Program Various apartment settings in Central PA Independent Living for youth ages 17-21	330980	\$84.00	

National Mentor Healthcare, LLC, d/b/a Pennsylvania Mentor

Cert No.	Unit ID	Service Provided	Rate
347830	FC	Foster Family Care	\$112.43/day
	SD	Treatment Foster Care – Transition/Step	\$126.83/day
	PR	Pre-Placement Respite	\$104.99/day
	RC	Respite Care	\$104.52/day
	ER	Emergency Respite	\$131.79/day
354900	RR	Community Residential Rehab (Treatment Only)	\$243.50/day
	RB	Community Residential Rehab Room and Board	\$67.13/day
	RA	Community Residential Rehab (Treatment)	\$298.93/day

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Appointment:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the appointment of Hattie Henderson to the Cambria County Conservation District Board, for a 4-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Reappointments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve reappointing Dennis Beck and James Benschhoff to the Cambria County Conservation District Board, for 4-year terms, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve reappointing Thomas C. Chernisky to the Cambria County Conservation District Board, for a 1-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Allocation:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve a 2024 one-time allocation to Vision Together 2025, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed with a 2 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Hunt voting no.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Lakeyn Hogue, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 7-B/\$24,199.50 [1950 hours] annually), effective December 9, 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 Tonya Kopka, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Beyer's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$12.82 [1820 hours] per hour), effective December 9, 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 Michael Nycum, Full-Time Detective for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 35-C/\$22.05 [2080 hours] per hour), effective November 25, 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 Sheri Britton, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Zanghi's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$12.82 [1820 hours] per hour), effective November 25, 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 Wendy Ernest, Full-Time Fiscal Specialist for the Prison, (Paygrade 30-V/\$15.15 [2080 hours] per hour), effective December 9, 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 Sean Hegadus, Full-Time Caseworker I for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 52-C/\$37,713.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective December 23, 2024. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Deann Boback, Full-Time Tipstaff/Court Clerk for the Courts, (Paygrade 22-G/\$27,882.40 [1820 hours] annually), to Full-Time Account Clerk I/Float for Tax Claim, (Paygrade 5-C/\$12.48 [1820 hours] per hour), effective November 25, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Thomas Cunningham, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, (Paygrade 35-B/\$26.36 [1000 hours] per hour), effective October 19, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Arthur Bucceri, Per-Diem Chaplain for the Prison, (Paygrade 000-U/\$14.13 [1000 hours] per hour), effective October 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Kenneth Ramos, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$23.62 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 24, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Rescind:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve rescinding the hiring of Nathan Jarvis, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$12.97 [2080 hours] per hour), effective October 28, 2024. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners' Meeting held October 24, 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, December 5, 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