

CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

January 30, 2025

Ebensburg, PA
January 16, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 17, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 20, 2025

Courthouse closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Ebensburg, PA
January 21, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 22, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 23, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 24, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 27, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 28, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA
January 29, 2025

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 10:10 a.m.

Public Comment:

Etta Albright spoke regarding President Trump's actions during the past week. She stated that she believes the Commissioners should act accordingly, regardless of their party affiliation. She also shared an article that was in the newspaper on the Attorney General.

John DeBartola questioned if the County had completed the audit on the Election Day issues. He stated that election integrity is important. He also stated that he submitted a Right to Know Request asking for a letter that may have been sent to Visit Johnstown asking the organization how it spent hotel tax money received by the County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to waive the reading of the Minutes from the Commissioners' Meeting held on January 16, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. January 27, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. January 28, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.

Agreements:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Short-Term Lease Agreements with Jason Riligio and Blackstone Capital, as approved Landlords for lease rentals in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Short-Term Probation Grant.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the renewal with Symetra Life Insurance Company, for Basic Employee Life and Basic Employee AD&D, at monthly rates of \$18,075.00 and \$403.66 respectively, effective February 1, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Agreement with Patrick J. Zirpoli, LLC, to perform a PREA Audit at the Cambria County Prison, in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI, Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Vendor	Service Provided	Amount
Bayada Home Health Care	Provide family aide services for base-funded non-waiver consumers.	\$17,878.00 annually

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to hire Natalie Snyder, Full-Time Clerk Stenographer I for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 5-B/\$12.96 [1820 hours] per hour), effective February 3, 2025. (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 Melanie Ducane, Full-Time ID Program Specialist I for BHS, (Paygrade 57-B/\$43,000.00 [1950 hours] annually), effective March 2, 2025. (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 Pamela Gelles, Full-Time Human Resources Generalist for Human Resources, (Paygrade 20-P/\$18.41 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Magistrate Clerk I for Magistrate Varner's Office, (Paygrade 9-G/\$13.23 [1820 hours] per hour), effective January 27, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Thomas Leamer, Jr., Full-Time Telecommunicator III for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 35-F/\$27.70 [2080 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Training Supervisor for the Department of Emergency Services, (Paygrade 48-M/\$30.71 [2080 hours] per hour), effective February 3, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Thomas Davis, Full-Time Acting Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Services and the Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency Management Agency, (Paygrade 50-N/\$1,000.00 [2080 hours] per month), to Full-Time Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Services and the Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency Management Agency, (Paygrade 97-D/\$70,000.00 [2080 hours] annually), effective February 3, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Diane Platt, Full-Time Conference Officer for Domestic Relations, (Paygrade 47-A/\$66,156.32 [1820 hours] annually), effective February 1, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove David George, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$13.31 [2080 hours] per hour), effective January 22, 2025.

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, February 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Room at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, 101 Community College Way, Johnstown.

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