

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

February 13, 2025

Ebensburg, PA  
January 30, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
January 31, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 3, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 4, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 5, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 6, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 7, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 10, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 11, 2025

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

Ebensburg, PA  
February 12, 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 Board Room of the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, at 10:05 a.m.

### **Public Comment:**

John DeBartola stated that he submitted a Right to Know Request to the County requesting how Visit Johnstown is spending hotel tax money.

Lisa Crynock, Cambria County Prothonotary, provided an update on the subscription access to the Case Management System. A subscription needs to be purchased in order to remotely access the system, which will generate money for the County. For anyone who does not want to purchase a subscription, there are free terminals located in the Prothonotary's Office for people to use.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to waive the reading of the Minutes from the Commissioners' Meeting held on January 30, 2025, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Notice of Executive Sessions:**

1. February 10, 2025, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. February 11, 2025, meetings with Human Resources and the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve authorizing the Chief Clerk to acquire a 2011 Ford Ambulance from the Seventh Ward Civic Ambulance Association, at no cost to the County, to be used for the Box 11 Program, pending agreeable terms and conditions agreed to between the parties.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

**Grant:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve accepting the Subgrant Award Notification, No. 2024-GA-ST-45625, from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, for the Cambria County Adult Probation and Parole Grant, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$172,951.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Amendment:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Palmetto Posting, Inc., to extend the term of the original Agreement to include the following years and rates per Notice of Sale and Return & Claim:

2025 - \$45.00

2026 - \$47.50

2027 - \$50.00

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

**Agreements:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Extended Warranty and Support Services Agreement between BI Incorporated and Cambria County Adult Probation, for monitoring services and equipment, beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$2,085.00 annually.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Agreement with Ginger Jakubowski Appraisals, to provide an appraisal for 499 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the Agreement with Ginger Jakubowski Appraisals, to provide an appraisal for 209 South Center Street, Ebensburg, in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rager and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Pinnacle Treatment Centers PA-III, LLC, d/b/a Alliance Medical Services, the Cambria County Prison, and PrimeCare Medical, Inc., to provide opioid treatment services for medically eligible inmates.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chernisky and passed unanimously.

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

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

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Woods School	Intellectual disability services of supported structured living with a residential home-type setting.	From: \$460,655.00 To: \$467,249.00
Skills of Central PA, Inc.	Provide community-habilitation services via care, support, and skills training with supervision.	From: \$314,561.00 To: \$313,979.00

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

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

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alleghenies Unlimited Care Providers, Inc.	Provide transportation according to ODP waiver & non-waiver regulations.	\$7,225.00

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

**Bid:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve the bid of Gittings Security, of Ebensburg, for camera and door access wiring and equipment, including installation, at the future site of Cambria County District Justice 47-3-03, in the amount of \$37,840.00.**

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

**Real Estate Fees and Penalties:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Chernisky to approve waiving 2024 late fees and penalties, in the amount of \$214.27, associated with property owned by Justin Ostrich, Tax Map No. 50-014.-156.004.**

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

**Tax Appeal:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve the Settlement by Stipulation prepared in the tax appeal of Pax Mall Realty Co., LLP, filed at No. 2024-4842.**

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

**Appointment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve appointing Doug Tusing to the Cambria County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, to fill an unexpired term, beginning February 13, 2025, and ending January 1, 2027.**

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

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**New Hires:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve hiring the following individuals as Full-Time Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$24.29 [2080 hours] per hour), effective March 2, 2025. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

**Misty Rito  
Rusty Wills**

**Krista Pell  
Kristin Claypoole**

**Joshua Fultz  
Brad Black**

**Tyler Whitaker  
Jason Graffius**

**Scott McCoy  
Derek Makin**

**Nathaniel Lane**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to approve hiring the following individuals as Per-Diem Correctional Officer I's for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$18.00 [1000 hours] per hour), effective March 2, 2025. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).**

**Josh Fetzer**

**Kolbe Brothers**

**Jason Crusan**

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

**Transfers:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Nicole Burkhardt, Full-Time Head Clerk for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 28-B/\$13.97 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Director of Elections for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 52-A/\$45,000.00 [1820 hours] annually), effective February 10, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to transfer Jaeanne Mikitko, Full-Time Clerk Typist II for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 9-B/\$13.97 [1820 hours] per hour), to Full-Time Head Clerk for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 28-B/\$14.67 [1820 hours] per hour), effective February 10, 2025.**

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

**Remove from Payroll:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Eric Dreikorn, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$26.96 [2080 hours] per hour), effective March 9, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Devin Miller, Full-Time Juvenile Probation Officer for Juvenile Probation, (Paygrade 47-C/\$44,396.30 [1820 hours] annually), effective February 1, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Philip Rice, Full-Time Director of Veterans Affairs for Veterans Affairs, (Paygrade 46-A/\$40,860.82 [1820 hours] annually), effective February 21, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Gregory Kupchella, Full-Time Correctional Officer II for Prison, (Paygrade 38-A/\$28.08 [2080 hours] per hour), effective February 21, 2025.**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rager to remove Sarah Wess, Full-Time Head Clerk for Tax Claim, (Paygrade 28-B/\$20.71 [1820 hours] per hour), effective February 25, 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 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Forest Hills Junior-Senior High School Auditorium, 549 Locust Street, Sidman.**

**Adjournment:**

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

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

---

**Alex M. Ashcom, Chief Clerk**