

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Organizational Public Meeting**  
**Monday, January 3, 2022**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Leslie Osche  
Commissioner Kimberly Geyer  
Commissioner Kevin Boozel  
Lori Altman, Dir. Human Res./Chief Clerk  
Ann Brown, Budget & HS Finance Director  
Maria Malloy, Admin. Assistant  
Lori Shah, Admin. Assistant  
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant,  
John Campbell, Facilities & Operations  
Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office  
Joe DeMore, Prison  
Kevin Gray, Planning – Bridge/Motor Pool  
Linda Sell, Controller's Office  
Lance Welliver, Parks & Recreation  
Shawnee Young, Veterans Services

**VISITORS:**

Terrance Berry, Butler City  
Mitchell Cook, Manor Twp.  
Terry Cook, Manor Twp.  
Matt Cornetti, Clinton  
Steve Crawford, East Butler Boro  
Erik Edwards, Penn Twp.  
Fred Hensel, Connoquenessing  
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster Twp.  
Brian Lefever, Butler Twp.  
Lisa Lema, Worth  
Carrie McEvoy, East Butler  
Zach Scherer, Donegal  
Jennifer Steele, Summit

**MEDIA:**

No media was present

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular public meeting of the Butler County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Leslie Osche at 1:43 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022, in the Public Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Government Center.

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silent prayer was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment was made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Osche called for a motion to approve the December 22, 2021 Public Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Osche introduced Shawnee Young as the new Director of Veterans Services.

### **A. Facilities & Operations**

1. John Campbell requested approval of the following contracts for the renovation of the Government Center Judicial Complex, located at 227 S. Washington Street, Butler, for the Bureau of Elections:
  - a. Clark Contractors, Inc., for the General Contractor in the amount of \$227,664.41.

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Clark Contractors, Inc., for the HVAC in the amount of \$10,242.99.

Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Clark Contractors, Inc., for the Plumbing in the amount of \$39,740.83.

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Schultheis Electric for the Electrical in the amount of \$48,008.27.

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Parks & Recreation**

1. Lance Welliver requested approval of the following 2022 fees for Butler County Parks and Recreation (the yellow highlighted areas include recommendations to the fee changes):
  - a. 2022 Waterpark Fees and Discounts
  - b. 2022 Program Fees
  - c. 2022 Shelter Rental Fees

Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval to reappoint the following individuals to the Butler County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term, 1/1/22 – 12/31/24:
  - a. Dave Zarnick, representing Region 3
  - b. Michele Burd, representing Region 2

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Planning – Bridge/Motor Pool**

1. Kevin Gray requested approval to advertise the following items for bid, as needed, at various bridges in the County:
  - a. Excavating Services
  - b. Concrete and Steel Beams
  - c. Guide Rail Systems
  - d. Rebar

- e. Paving
- f. Concrete
- g. Stone/Gravel Aggregates
- h. Engineering Statements of Interest

Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Kevin Gray requested approval to order and purchase the following vehicles for 2022:
  - a. Motor Pool trip car (current trip car was transferred to the DA Office, whose car was totaled in an accident) estimated at \$40,000.
  - b. Liquid Fuel Dump Truck estimated at \$90,000.
  - c. On behalf of the Sheriff, one transport van estimated at \$80,000 and one SUV estimated at \$40,000.
  - d. On behalf of the Prison, one transport van estimated at \$80,000 with funding from the Commissary Fund.

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **D. Commissioners**

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to appoint the following individuals to the Butler County Federated Library System Board of Directors for a three-year term, 1/1/22 – 12/31/24:
  - a. Mrs. Heather Getsay, representing Butler Area Pubic Library
  - b. Ms. Kristan Allen, representing South Butler Community Library
  - c. Mr. Rob Vigue, representing Mars Area Public Library

Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, RATIFICATION OF PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS, TRAVEL REQUESTS, REQUISITIONS AND CHECK REGISTER**

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CONFERENCE TIME WITH MEDIA**

No media was present.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS**

The following individuals spoke briefly regarding the election unless otherwise noted: Steve Crawford, Catherine Lalonde, Lisa Lema (re: letter recently received acknowledging her being elected), Matt Cornetti, Brian Lefever (re: vaccines), Erik Edwards and Fred Hensel

Chairman Osche spoke briefly regarding the procedural review and follow-up on the election committee recommendations.

Commissioner Geyer announced that Governor Tom Wolf has named a new Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of PA, Leigh M. Chapman, and she spoke briefly regarding a lawsuit filed in the PA Supreme Court.

Commissioner Boozel shared his thoughts on the election fraud issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Osche called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds  
Recording Administrative Assistant  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Public Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Government Center

**Public Meeting Calendar is available online at <https://www.butlercountypa.gov/>**