

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chairman Leslie Osche (via Zoom)
Commissioner Kimberly Geyer
Commissioner Kevin Boozel
Lori Altman, Dir. Human Res./Chief Clerk
H. William White, III, Solicitor
Maria Malloy, Admin. Assistant
Lori Shah, Admin. Assistant
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant
Matthew Vickless, Commissioners' Office
Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office
Mark Gordon, Planning
Kevin Gray, Planning
Sheryl Kelly, Planning
Brandon Savochnka, Human Services
Lance Welliver, Parks & Recreation

VISITORS:

Karen Barbati, Lancaster
Carol Christner, Clinton
Steve Crawford, East Butler Boro
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster
Brian Lefever, Butler Twp.
Carrie McEvoy, East Butler Boro
Edie Rath, Clinton
J. P. Senich, Butler
Nina Teff, Butler Twp.

MEDIA:

Nathan Bottiger, Butler Eagle
Tyler Friel, Butler Radio

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular public meeting of the Butler County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Kimberly Geyer at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, in the Public Meeting Room, 1st 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

Commissioner Geyer called for a motion to approve the May 11, 2022 Public Meeting minutes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

-- Armeida M. (Cousins) McElravy's 100th Birthday, May 16, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Solicitor Wil White announced that today at 1:00 p.m. in the main Juvenile Court Room, the Bureau of Elections will convene to canvas and count the remainder of the ballots, being military ballots (10), provisional ballots cast at the polls (81) and the ballots that required state ID verification (6).

Commissioner Geyer added that the Butler County Board of Elections has decided, that lacking a legal directive at this time, they will not count/canvas the 83 undated ballots received.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Human Services (See Attachment Book for details)

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval to submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to amend our current Emergency Solutions Grant-CV as follows: extending the grant from 6/30/22 to 8/31/22; moving \$64,935 out of the Homelessness Prevention (HP) Component (\$42,929 of this will be shifted to the Emergency Shelter Operations line, \$12,374 will go to the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Services line, and \$9,632 will go to the Homeless Management Information System Services (HMIS) line). We are experiencing a much higher level of demand for emergency shelter than originally anticipated, thus leading to the need for additional funds in that line. The additional funds for RRH and HMIS reflect actual costs within those lines, with authorization for the Chairman to sign the Amendment Request Letter.

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

2. Brandon Savochka requested approval of an amendment to the Center for Community Resources 2021/22 contract to decrease the Emergency Rental Assistance Program by \$560,000, which reflects the decrease in our ERAP funding from the State based on estimated need for the remainder of the contract term.

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

B. Human Services – Drug & Alcohol (See Attachment Book for details)

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the contract with Armstrong County Memorial Hospital for FY 2021/22 for Level 4-WM: Hospital-Based Detoxification-Adults, \$766.11/day.
2. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contract amendments:
 - a. Adagio Health – amended to add additional prevention funding in the amount of \$1,000 for one Prevention staff member to attend the upcoming 2022 Commonwealth Prevention Alliance (CPA) Conference in State College, PA. These funds will be used to cover costs associated with registration, hotel/accommodations, travel, food and parking.
 - b. Keystone Wellness Programs – amended to add additional prevention funding in the amount of \$3,000 for three Prevention staff member to attend the upcoming 2022 Commonwealth Prevention Alliance (CPA) Conference in State College, PA. These funds will be used to cover costs associated with registration, hotel/accommodations, travel, food and parking.

Chairman Osche made one motion to approve the above three requests; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Human Services – Area Agency on Aging

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of a PODS Rental Agreement for a 1 x 16-foot length commercial container for storage of our senior center kitchen equipment. The location of the POD

is to be determined. The Agreement start date is 6/1/22; there are no County funds involved; payment will be made out of the Aging Block Grant; with authorization for Beth Herold to sign. The terms of the Agreement are as follows:

- a. 6-Month Minimum Rental
- b. Container Delivery - \$253.50
- c. Final Pick-Up - \$253.50
- d. Monthly Rental and Container Only Protection - \$171.10/month

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

D. Parks & Recreation

1. Lance Welliver requested approval to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with GGLeagues to provide the ability to offer recreational e-sport leagues for all skill levels for youth participants who will have the ability to play in various leagues such as football and Fortnite, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

E. Planning – Bridges

1. Kevin Gray opened bids for paving at the Greece City Bridge in Concord Township as follows:
 - a. Wiest Asphalt Products, Butler, PA - \$30,900
 - b. Shields Asphalt Paving, Valencia, PA - \$39,600

Mr. Gray requested to have this item tabled pending review by the Engineer and Solicitor.

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

2. Kevin Gray requested approval of Municipal Engineer from the Selection Committee. Six firms sent in Statements of Interest. The Selection Committee then scored them on how they answered five questions, resumes and an organizational chart. All firms are PennDOT approved. The Selection Committee was made-up of Mark Gordon, Ann Brown, Joe Saeler and Sheryl Kelly. The results were as follows:
 - a. HRG Engineers – 379 points
 - b. Bergmann Engineers – 345 points
 - c. W R & A Engineers – 338 points

Mr. Gray requested selection of HRG Engineers contingent upon the agreement and pending Solicitor review.

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

F. Planning - Recycling

1. Sheryl Kelly requested approval of a contract with Noble Environmental Specialty Recycling, LLC for calendar year 2022, with two automatic renewal years for 2023 and 2024, for the County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Program for area-wide residents and small businesses. Fees associated with this program (fee schedule attached) are half paid by the program participant on most items, and half by the County. The County's portion is reimbursed through an Act 190 Grant from the PADEP. For any item for which grant funding is not available or for which funding is no longer available in the future, the participant is responsible for 100% of the

cost. At this time, items falling into this category are electronics listed in Pennsylvania's Act 108, including items such as televisions and monitors.

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

G. Prison

1. On behalf of Warden Joe DeMore, Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Second Addendum to a Comprehensive Health Services Agreement between the County of Butler and PrimeCare Medical, Inc., in the amount of \$250,802.75/annually or \$20,900.23/monthly, in addition to the amounts set forth in the Agreement, effective 6/1/22. This request has already been approved by the Prison Board.

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

H. Commissioners

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval to Bind Coverage with the Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool ("PCoRP") through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., for the period 6/1/22 – 6/1/23, with an annual premium of \$387,825, a 10% increase over the 2021/22 renewal premium of \$352,704, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

2. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of Resolution No. 2022-11, authorizing participation in the Sourcewell Network, a Cooperative Purchasing Program, in order for F&O to purchase an additional lawn mower. There is no annual cost involved to participate.

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

3. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn to provide consulting services to finalize the conceptual plan for the Cranberry Township multimodal transit hub, in the amount of \$15,191, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

4. Solicitor Wil White requested approval to participate in the 2022/23 Highway Safety Education Project based on anticipated funding secured from PennDOT. Upon receipt of the PennDOT award, Butler County will partner with Indiana County and the IUP Research Institute for highway safety education activities. The five counties involved are: Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

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

CONFERENCE TIME WITH MEDIA

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS

The following individuals spoke briefly regarding the election unless otherwise noted: Karen Barbati, Steve Crawford (voting machines/ballot scanners) and Brian Lefever (freedoms).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Geyer called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Chairman Osche. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds
Recording Administrative Assistant
Approved: 6/8/22

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Pubic Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Government Center

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

NOTE: Agenda is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.