

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Meeting
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chairman Leslie Osche via Zoom
Commissioner Kimberly Geyer
Commissioner Kevin Boozel
Lori Altman, Dir. Human Res. /Chief Clerk
Ann Brown, Budget & HS Finance Director
H. William White, III, Solicitor
Steve Bicehouse, Emergency Services
Mark Gordon, Planning
Kevin Gray, Planning/Bridge Department
Wendy Leslie, Planning/CDBG

Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office
Leslie Powers, Controller's Office
Brandon Savochka, Human Services
Candace Graff, Court Administration
Doug Ritson, Probation

MEDIA:

Tyler Friel, Butler Radio
Paula Grubbs, Butler Eagle
Anthony Pritts, Butler Radio
Donna Sybert, Butler Eagle

VISITORS:

Karen Barbati, Lancaster Township
Jim Barr, Allegheny County
Amy Beiler, Penn Township
Brendan Carroll, Butler Township
Mike Chopp
Nancy Craft
Steve Crawford, East Butler Borough
Matt Cornetti, Clinton Township
Bruce Daubenspeck, Center Township
Lori Doerr, Butler Township
Erik Edwards, Penn Township
Denise Etter, Cranberry Township
Natalie Franko, Butler Township
Suzanne Freeze, Summit Township
Kimberly Hall, Forward Township
Cheryl Heath, Center Township
Fred Hensel, Connoquenessing Township
Kendra Hillard, Butler City
Chester Jack, Cranberry Township

Jorn Jensen, Fenelton
Charlie Johnson, Clearfield Township
Brandy Kight, Center Township
Bernadette Laraia, Cranberry Township
Brian Lefever, Butler Township
Kate Lennen, Adams Township
Carol McCarthy, Jefferson Township
Marshall Miller, Butler Township
Richard Noble, Butler Township
Matthew Pavol, Butler
Margie Rhoades, Forward Township
Shane Rhoades, Forward Township
Dr. Honora Rockar, Cranberry Township
Michael Sanchez, Cranberry Township
Tom Smith, Butler Township
Jennifer Steele, Muddycreek Township
Carolyn Steglich, Harrisville Borough
Kelly Ulonska, Adams Township

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Kimberly Geyer called the regular public meeting of the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 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

Vice Chairman Geyer called for a motion to approve the September 29, 2021 Public Meeting minutes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor Wil White reported that an Executive Session was held with the Board of Commissioners, Lori Altman, Ann Brown and himself on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, from 10:50 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. for the purpose of real estate. No action being taken.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

- A. Chief Clerk Lori Altman announced that the Election Office would be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 6:30 p.m. for those voters that would like to drop off ballots or vote in person.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Court Administration

1. Candace Graff requested approval of an RFP for electronic monitoring/alcohol monitoring/drug testing services for both adults and juveniles on supervision through Adult and Juvenile Probation.

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

2. Candace Graff requested approval of PCCD funding (formerly referred to as Grant-in-Aid) in the amount of \$111,891, which offsets the salaries of the Probation Officers.

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

B. Emergency Services

1. Steve Bicehouse requested approval of an agreement with Motorola as part of the ICORRS group to extend the maintenance and software updates for the Core. Butler County will be responsible for 1/9th of the cost per year, which is subject to change if more Counties join ICORRS.

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

2. Steve Bicehouse requested approval of a 20-year agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) to allow interoperability access to our radio system and limited access to the States.

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

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contracts for FY 2021/22:
 - a. Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Addiction Center
 - b. Keystone Wellness Program
 - c. Gateway Rehabilitation Center

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

D. Human Services (See Attachment Book for details)

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the contract amendment with VOICe for FY 7/1/20 – 6/30/21, amended to add Housing Support Services (program funded) in the amount of \$41,074.

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

2. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contract amendments for FY 2021/22:
 - a. ANR – amended to add the Vaccination Call Center (program funded) in the amount of \$35,450.
 - b. The Care Center – amended to change various Outpatient rates
 - c. CCR – amended to change Certified Peer Specialist rate
 - d. Family Psychological – amended to change Family Based rate
 - e. Glade Run – amended to change Outpatient, Psychiatric Rehab and Family Based rates
 - f. Grapevine – amended to change Certified Peer Specialist rate

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

E. Human Services – Children & Youth (See Attachment Book for details)

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the contracts with Butler County Children and Youth/Juvenile Probation and Adelphoi USA for FY 7/1/21 – 6/30/22.

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

F. Planning - Bridges

1. Kevin Gray requested approval of the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for the Kelly Bridge with HRG Engineering, not to exceed \$406,124.33. This is all Federal funds and part of the \$2 million match for the \$5 Fee, with authorization for the Chief Clerk to be the signature in the PennDOT ECMS Program.

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

G. Planning – CDBG

1. Wendy Leslie requested approval of a cooperation agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler for the administration of the 2019 HOME Grant in the amount of \$500,000, for the term 5/20/21 – 5/19/24.

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

2. Wendy Leslie requested approval to do a modification of the 2020-CDBG-CV Penn Township funds in the amount of \$47,178 from the rent/mortgage/utility assistance and reallocate it to housing rehab, addressing issues such as mold and poor ventilation in low/moderate income occupied homes in the township. No one has applied to use the rent/mortgage/utility assistance program and we need to use these funds or lose them back to the State. A public hearing was held on October 12th at 5:45 p.m. to allow for public comment.

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

3. Wendy Leslie requested approval to enter into a cooperation agreement between the County of Butler, Penn Township and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler to administer their 2020 CDBG-CV housing rehab program.

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

4. Wendy Leslie requested approval to do a modification of the 2020-CDBG-CV Summit Township funds in the amount of \$46,767 from the rent/mortgage/utility assistance and reallocate it to housing rehab addressing issues such as mold and poor ventilation in low/moderate income occupied homes in the township. No one has applied to use the rent/mortgage/utility assistance program and we need to use these funds or lose them back to the State. A public hearing was held on October 6th at 6:30 p.m. to allow for public comment.

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

5. Wendy Leslie requested approval to enter into a cooperation agreement between the County of Butler, Summit Township and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler to administer their 2020 CDBG-CV housing rehab program.

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

H. Commissioners

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested ratification of an Interim Placement Agreement with Specialized Staffing and Industry Recruiters, at the hourly billing clerk rate of \$17.38.

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

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (lease) with the Butler Transit Authority for a 5-year term.

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

3. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Butler and Butler Healthcare Providers d/b/a Butler Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$209,995 in Order to offer its essential staff Premium Pay to help compensate those front line employees who serve in critical infrastructure positions at great risk for their own personal well-being, at the Premium Pay up to \$13/hour and capped at \$25,000/employee.

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

4. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Butler, Butler County Emergency Services and the Butler Healthcare Providers d/b/a Butler Memorial Hospital to pay for professional services rendered to the County, EMS and related County response agencies, to make back payments to cover applicable time periods dating back to April 1, 2021, in the amount of \$28,000/month.

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. 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

The minutes were suspended for conference time with the media.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS

The following individuals spoke briefly regarding the election: Natalie Franko, Charlie Johnson, Cheryl Heath, Jennifer Steele, Steve Crawford (see Attachment Book for details), Brendan Carroll, Karen Barbati, Bernadette Laraia, Fred Hensel, Matt Cornetti, Carol McCarthy (see Attachment Book for details), Amy Beiler, Marshall Miller, Suzanne Freeze, Kimberly Hall, Carolyn Steglich, Kate Lennen (see Attachment Book for details), Brian Lefever, Tom Smith and Erik Edwards.

Suzanne Freeze also spoke briefly regarding disability month and the process in which the Commissioners never disapprove an agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Geyer called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Approved: 10/27/21

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Thursday, October 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Public Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Government Center

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