

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chairman Leslie Osche
Commissioner Kimberly Geyer
Commissioner Kevin Boozel
Lori Altman, Chief Clerk/Human Resources
Ann Brown, Budget & HS Finance Director
H. William White, III, Solicitor
Maria Malloy, Admins. Assistant
Lori Shah, Admin. Assistant
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant
Nick Angiolieri, Assessment
Amy Francis, Assessment
Mark Gordon, Planning
Ben Holland, Controller
Leslie Powers, Controller's Office
Brandon Savochnka, Human Services

Aaron Sheasley, Elections
Kristin Wilson, Controller's Office

VISITORS:

Karen Barbati, Lancaster Twp.
Jim Hrabosky, BC3
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster Twp.
Dr. Nick Neupauer, BC3
Chas Taurer, Butler
Jim Webster, Clark Hill PLC (via zoom)

MEDIA:

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular public meeting of the Butler County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Leslie Osche at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, in the Planning Department's Large Conference Room.

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 February 3, 2021 Public Meeting minutes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Butler County Community College presentation by Dr. Nicholas Neupauer/Jim Hrabosky regarding the South Main Campus Project, which includes the construction of the Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health Building and the construction of the Maintenance and Operations Building.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Commissioners

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-6, affixing all Elected Officials Salaries and bringing the Coroner's salary in line with the other elected officials, of which there are

two (i.e. bringing the Coroner's salary in line in increments, or all at one time) and will be effective the first Monday in January 2022. Pursuant to statute, a public meeting to seek public input was conducted last night at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was advertised in the Butler Eagle on February 5th, pursuant to statute. And also pursuant to statute, this raise of elected officials salaries does not affect the three Commissioners, who are not entitled to raise their own salaries while in office, so would not go into effect until the first Monday in January 2024.

Commissioner Osche made the motion to bring the Coroner's salary in line all at one time; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. Commissioner Boozel offered a counter motion to maintain Coroner's salary at current level. Motion failed for lack of a second. The original motion carried with Commissioner Boozel voting no.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Controller

1. Controller Ben Holland requested approval of the annual Renewal Quote Confirmation for Sage Fixed Assets software from 3/23/21 – 3/22/22, in the amount of \$3,041.

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

B. Coroner

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval to apply for state funding (\$5,000 grant) from the Department of Health to upgrade the current case management system (Forensic Filer) from a web based system to an online system.

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

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of a Contract Amendment with Keystone Wellness Programs to add additional programs/services funded through the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant, effective 10/1/20 – 6/30/21, up to a maximum contracted amount of \$44,112.

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

D. Human Services – Area Agency on Aging

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of a Consulting Services Agreement with PennCares for the webinar training program, Coping with Change and Loss: Impacts of COVID-19, at the cost of \$650, to be held on March 18, 2021. The agency will compensate PennCares a \$10/per registrant fee for anyone who requires social work CEUs and who has requested CEUs. The State Regional ADRC Coordinator has approved the training programs; there are no County funds involved; payment will be made from the Aging TXIX ADRC Funding.

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

E. Planning

1. Mark Gordon requested approval of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Loan in the amount of \$5,175,010 at a rate of 1.625% with a term of 10 years. Payments for the first two years would be interest only, and the first payment would commence on 6/1/22. Included with this

approval will be the authorization for the Chairman to sign any necessary documents.

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

2. Mark Gordon requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-7, authorizing Butler County to enter into a loan agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank and duly appointing Leslie A. Osche, Chairman of the Board of the County Commissioners, and Lori Altman, Chief Clerk, to execute any documents necessary to finalize said loan on behalf of the County of Butler.

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

F. Commissioners

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of an annual renewal of a Parking Lease Agreement with the Butler County Historical Society for 23 parking spaces in the amount of \$13,800/year.

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

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to appoint Debbie Davenport (replacing Sally Jancse) as the new Prospect representative to the Butler County Federated Library System Board for a three-year term, ending December 2023.

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

3. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-8, approving a project of the State Public School Building Authority (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) for Butler County Community College and the financing thereof; affirming Butler County's payment and reimbursement obligations under the Community College Act; authorizing the officials of the County to take other appropriate action.

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

4. Mark Gordon requested ratification of the submission of the COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program application in the amount of \$2,127,692 with the authorization for the Chairman and Chief Clerk to electronically sign the application.

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

5. Mark Gordon requested approval to enter into a Contract with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation (SPC) to administer the Hospitality Recovery Program, pending Solicitor review.

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

The following item was added to the agenda:

6. Amy Francis requested approval of an MOU Agreement between DCED/STEB and all the counties in Pennsylvania. They need 75% of all the counties to sign the agreement in order to provide a full state database of sales information and mapping platform that is simple to use. We would need to forego the \$.20/per sale that we receive for the next 10 years. In reviewing our past revenue figures, this would equal out to \$12,000 over the 10 years, pending Solicitor Review.

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

CONFERENCE TIME WITH MEDIA

The minutes were suspended for conference time with the media.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS

Catherine Lalonde from the Democratic Committee spoke briefly regarding the November 3, 2020 election.

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 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds
Recording Administrative Assistant
Approved: 3/3/21

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Government Center Annex Planning Department's
Large Conference Room, Floor UL

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