

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Public Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 7, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Leslie Osche  
Commissioner Kimberly Geyer  
Commissioner Kevin Boozel  
Lori Altman, Dir. Human Resources/Chief Clerk  
Ann Brown, Budget & HS Finance Director  
H. William White, III, Solicitor  
Maria Malloy, Admin. Assistant  
Lori Shah, Admin. Assistant  
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant  
Rich Goldinger, District Attorney  
Mark Gordon, Planning  
Kevin Gray, Planning – Bridges  
Michele Mustello, Recorder of Deeds

Leslie Powers, Controller's Office  
Brandon Savochka, Human Services  
Aaron Sheasley, Elections  
Jim Venturini, Information Technology  
Kristin Wilson, Controller's Office

**VISITORS:**

Joshua Strebicki, Butler Collaborative

**MEDIA:**

Tyler Friel, Butler Radio  
Paula Grubbs, 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 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 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 June 23, 2021 Public Meeting minutes.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- The Thirteenth Annual Celebration of Collaboration, July 8, 2021
- Revolutionary War Patriots Day, July 10, 2021

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. District Attorney**

1. District Attorney Rich Goldinger requested approval to enter into a Municipal Aid Agreement with Quality EMS, an ambulance service located in Adams Township, who would be the “assisting service”. They will provide EMT/medic support to the Butler County District Attorney’s Emergency Services Unit (ESU team) during training and any time the unit is activated. Currently EMTs volunteer their time to the unit, at their own risk. With this agreement, Quality EMS would compensate any EMTs who assist the ESU team during training or activation, and the EMTs would be covered by the County Worker’s Comp policy while performing their duties. This agreement is virtually the same as the one the County entered into with the local police departments who are members of the ESU team.

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

### **B. Emergency Services**

1. On behalf of Steve Bicehouse, Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Agreement with PEMA for Federal FY 2020 in the amount of \$60,000 for the term 9/24/20 – 9/23/23. This grant pays development of the County Mitigation Plan. Federal share is \$45,000; County responsibility is \$15,000, which can be satisfied by in-kind services or salaries to develop the plan, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

### **C. Human Services (See Attachment Book for details)**

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the “revised” Infants, Toddlers and Families Medicaid Waiver Operating Agreement between the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) and Butler County MH/ID/EI Programs for implementation of the ITF Medicaid Waiver. The Operating Agreement is effective from 7/1/21 and will remain in effect until it is amended or terminated because of a change in law, superseded by another agreement or terminated as outlined in Section 13.0 of the agreement (which is attached).

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

### **D. Human Services – Children & Youth (See Attachment Book for details)**

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following Contracts with Butler County Children and Youth/Juvenile Probation for FY 7/1/21 – 6/30/22:
  - a. Butler County Alliance for Children
  - b. Keystone Adolescent Center
  - c. KidsPeace National Centers
  - d. Lifesteps
  - e. Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc.
  - f. Specialty Outreach Services

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

### **E. Human Services – Area Agency on Aging (See Attachment Book for details)**

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval to pay \$1,690 for Billboard Advertising Displays in the County. The displays have been approved by the State as an outreach for the PA Link Aging & Disabilities Resource Center Person Centered Counseling Program. There are no County funds

involved; payment will be made out of the State Block Grant – ADRC funding. The dates for the first display is 7/26/21 – 9/30/21 and the dates for the second display is 8/12/21 – 9/30/21.

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

#### **F. Planning**

1. Mark Gordon requested adoption of Ordinance No. 3 of 2021, authorizing approval to borrow \$5,175,010 from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank – PennDOT for a ten year term, at an interest rate not to exceed 1.637% for purposes of helping to finance the Gateway 228 (\$2.6 million) and the Butler County Bridge Rehabilitation (\$2.4 million) Projects. This ordinance negates Ordinance No. 1 of 2021, which was approved at the April 7, 2021 Public Meeting. This is being done at the request of DCED, who wanted some additional language and terminology included in the ordinance.

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

#### **G. Planning – Bridges**

1. Kevin Gray requested approval of a bid award for Precast Concrete Bridge Deck Panels for the Greece City Bridge in Concord Township. We received two bids, which are as follows:
  - a. PENNSTRESS, Holidaysburg, PA - \$55,200
  - b. Brayman Precast, Saxonburg, PA - \$106,950

Upon review and discussion with the Engineer, we are asking to award PENNSTRESS of Holidaysburg, PA in the amount of \$55,200.

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

2. Kevin Gray requested approval of a bid award for Steel Piles Installation for the Greece City Bridge in Concord Township. We received four bids, which are as follows:
  - a. Carmen Paliotta Contracting, South Park, PA - \$42,500
  - b. Mekis Construction Corp., Fenelton, PA - \$56,000
  - c. Clearwater Construction, Mercer, PA - \$59,500
  - d. Allison Park Contractors, Inc., Gibsonsia, PA - \$125,00

Upon review and discussion with the Engineer, we are asking to award Carmen Paliotta Contracting of South Park, PA in the amount of \$42,500.

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

3. Kevin Gray requested approval of a bid award for Paving at the Hemphill Bridge in Clinton Township. We received only one bid, from Wiest Asphalt Products & Paving, Inc. in Butler, PA in the amount of \$57,340.80.

Upon review and discussion with the Engineer, we are asking to award Wiest Asphalt Products & Paving, Inc. of Butler, PA in the amount of \$57,340.80.

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

4. Kevin Gray requested approval of the Letter of Amendment with PennDOT. This Amendment is the reimbursement amounts for the Brickyard Hill and Wylie Bridges in Clinton Township. The amounts changed from the original, it added the construction and right-of-way amounts to the Agreement that was not in the original Agreement. An additional amount for the right-of-way in the amount of \$2,000 will bring the estimated County cost of the bridges replacement up to a maximum of \$206,735. This amount would be paid out of Act 89 funds.

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

#### **H. Recorder of Deeds**

1. Michele Mustello requested approval to enter into the Electronic Recording Trusted Submitter Agreement with Indecomm Holdings, Inc., dba Indecomm Global Services, for the term of one year, in order to add a 4<sup>th</sup> e-recording vendor.

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

#### **I. Commissioners**

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to reappoint the following Career TRACK board members for a two-year term (7/1/21 – 6/30/23) as follows:
  - a. Joseph Saeler
  - b. Adam Martin

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

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to rescind Butler County Resolution No. 2020-8, Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency.

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

3. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of a request to prepare and distribute an RFP for managed equipment, supplies and service program for multi-function devices (copiers) and dedicated printers (5-year agreement).

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 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**

No public comment was made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Osche called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds  
Recording Administrative Assistant  
Approved: 7/21/21

**BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Government Center Annex Planning Department's  
Large Conference Room, Floor UL

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