

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Meeting
Wednesday, July 27, 2022
10:00 a.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
H. William White, III, Solicitor
Maria Malloy, Admin. Assistant
Lori Shah, Admin. Assistant
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant
Matthew Vickless, Commissioners' Office
Steve Bicehouse, Emergency Services
Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office
Rich Goldinger, District Attorney
Mark Gordon, Planning
Brandon Savochnka, Human Services

VISITORS:

Karen Barbati, Lancaster
Matt Cornetti, Clinton
Steve Crawford, East Butler Boro
Erik Edwards, Penn
Kimberly Hall, Forward
Fred Hensel, Connoquenessing Twp.
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster
Brian Lefever, Butler Twp.
Nina Teff, Butler Twp.

MEDIA:

Jesse Bunch, Pittsburgh Post Gazette
Steve Ferris, 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 Chairman Leslie Osche at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 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

Chairman Osche called for a motion to approve the July 13, 2022 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

Solicitor Wil White announced that the sorting of the ballots (for Butler City 4-1, Donegal Township and Middlesex Township South) for the 2020 election will begin today at 12:00 noon in the Planning

Conference Room located on Floor UL of the Annex. Counting of the ballots will begin on Monday, August 1st, and should take approximately 2 to 3 weeks. He also explained the security precautions that are being taken. The public is welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

A. District Attorney

1. Rich Goldinger requested approval to apply for the 2023/24 Rights and Services Act (RASA) Grant. The allocation for this non-competitive grant is \$355,435 and would run from 1/1/23 – 12/31/24. The application deadline is 9/2/22.

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

2. Rich Goldinger requested approval to apply for the 2023/24 Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) Grant. The allocation for this non-competitive grant is \$74,770 and would run from 1/1/23 – 12/31/24. The application deadline is 9/2/22.

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

B. Emergency Services

1. Steve Bicehouse requested approval of a GIS contract with Mission Critical Partners (MCP) to clean-up GIS data for the NG911 Project, in the amount of \$45,000, for a 12-month term. This contract is 100% funded by 911 funds for the 15% shared project.

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

2. Steve Bicehouse requested approval of a Quote Confirmation with CDW G LLC to purchase 250 Sonic Wall VPN licenses at the one-time cost of \$1,704.86. This will allow utilization of tablets or IOS devices as MDT's with the CAD.

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 contract amendment for ESG-CV Grant 2020 with Catholic Charities Amendment #3 – amended to extend the contract end date from 6/30/22 to 8/31/22 and decrease the program by \$9,750 for a new program maximum of \$1,411,492.

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

2. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the contract amendment for ESG-CV Grant 2020 for The Care Center Amendment #2 – amended to extend the contract end date from 6/30/22 to 8/31/22 and increase the contract by \$12,750 for a new program maximum of \$121,682.

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

3. Brandon Savochka requested approval to reappoint Cathryn Heakins for a second three-year term (8/8/22 – 8/7/25) on the MH/EI/ID Advisory Board.

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

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval to appoint Joshua Hakeem to the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board for the three-year term of 7/27/22 – 7/26/25.

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

2. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contracts for FY 2022/23:
 - a. Abstinent Living at the Turning Point
 - b. Bowling Green Brandywine
 - c. White Deer Run
 - d. Foundations Medical Services
 - e. Cove Forge Behavioral Health System
 - f. Pyramid Healthcare
 - g. Arc Manor
 - h. Alpine Springs LLC
 - i. Resolution Recovery LLC

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

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contracts with Butler County Children & Youth/Juvenile Probation for the FY 7/1/22 – 6/30/23:
 - a. Achieva Support
 - b. Adoption Connection
 - c. Alliance for Nonprofit Resources
 - d. Alternative Living Solutions
 - e. Benjamin J. Yaroch, LCSW, ACSW
 - f. Bethany Christian Services
 - g. Bethesda Lutheran Services
 - h. Butler County Alliance for Children dba The Children's Advocacy Center of Butler County
 - i. CAPS Agreement
 - j. Center for Community Resources
 - k. Check Your Mate Investigations
 - l. Child & Adolescent Clinical Associates
 - m. City Mission – Living Stone, Inc. (ASPIRE)
 - n. Community Specialists Corporation dba New Outlook Academy
 - o. David M. Crissman, Esq.
 - p. District of Belmont – Harrison
 - q. Dr. Eric Bernstein
 - r. Family Pathways
 - s. Glade Run Lutheran Service
 - t. Jefferson County Detention
 - u. Justice Works Youth Care, Inc.
 - v. Kathy's Care Adult Homes LLC
 - w. Katie L. Haun

- x. Keystone Adolescent Center
- y. MHY Family Services
- z. Nicole L. Thurner, Esq.
- aa. Perseus House
- bb. Pressley Ridge
- cc. The Children's Institute (Project Star)
- dd. Three Rivers Adoption Council
- ee. Totin Family Services
- ff. Vocational & Psychological Services

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

F. Human Services – Area Agency on Aging

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of a contract with Lamar Advertising for advertising displays for the current vacant senior center positions. The display is for the period 8/8/22 – 9/4/22 for a total cost of \$3,000. This display has been approved by the State; there are no County funds involved; payment will be made out of the Aging Block Grant.

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

G. Planning

1. Mark Gordon requested approval to enter into a contract with Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation for the purpose of developing a Reuse Plan for the Butler Middle School site. A Request for Qualifications was published in the Butler Eagle on July 13, 2022 with all responses due by July 22, 2022. Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation responded to the RFQ by the deadline and was deemed most qualified by the Department of Economic Development and Planning. County payments under this contract will be made exclusively from proceeds from the 2021 U. S. EPA Grant to Butler County, pending Solicitor review and with authorization for Mark Gordon to sign.

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

H. Planning – Property & Revenue

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval/authorization to sell the following six properties at the public auction scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.:
 - a. 080-S2-15/16-0000, Whitmire R. J. HRS, Center Avenue, Clay Township
 - b. 080-S2-15/23-0000, Davidson, James W., Center Avenue, Clay Township
 - c. 080-S2-15/24-0000, Grossman, J. H., Center Avenue – Walnut Street, Clay Township
 - d. 080-S2-18/23-0000, Hunter, Ethel, South of Queen Junction Road, Clay Township
 - e. 080-S2-18/24-0000, Francis, John L. HRS, Commerce Avenue, Clay Township
 - f. 080-S2-19/26-0000, Patto, Louis, Commerce Avenue, Clay Township

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

I. Commissioners

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval to unassign the funds the County has reserved for the Conservation District and approval of \$200,000 of these funds be transferred to the Conservation District to be used as an upfront payment on a 20-year lease extension from 7/1/24 – 6/30/44 at the Bantam Commons.

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

2. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of an Addendum to the original engagement letter with Maher Duessel to add Other Services – Agreed-Upon Procedures – SEFA Reconciliation and CYS Monitoring Schedule. All other terms, conditions and costs of the original letter remain the same.

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

3. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Butler County Airport Authority on behalf of the Pittsburgh Butler Regional Airport to utilize Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to assist the Authority in making necessary investments in infrastructure improvements for water (in the amount of \$253,190), sewer (in an amount up to \$230,000) and business development infrastructure (\$100,000 in yearly, fiscal year increments for the period of up to 4 years for purposes of recruiting and hiring a new Airport Manager and \$28,000 in yearly, fiscal year increments for a period of up to 4 years to provide medical, dental, vision and life insurance and short-term disability benefits for employees), contingent upon having the funds available. There are no additional awards or funds committed beyond 6/30/26.

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

4. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Development Corporation to utilize Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$150,000 per fiscal year, in an amount up to \$450,000, to help encourage, promote and provide economic growth, including the engineering, planning and development of grant opportunities throughout Butler County.

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

5. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Letter of Understanding with Butler County Community College reaffirming the County's obligations set forth in the MOU approved in December 2021 for the support and funding for the County's Empowerment Initiative. This LOU will confirm the funding sources (i.e. State Facility Closure Funding Program and the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds).

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

The following item was added to today's agenda:

6. Solicitor Wil White requested approval to apply for the FY 2022/23 Election Integrity Grant, administered through the DCED, derived from Senate Bill 982, which could yield an amount up to \$696,389 (\$5.15/per registered voter/135,230 voters).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS

The following individuals spoke briefly regarding the 2020 election, unless otherwise noted: Steve Crawford, Catherine Lalonde, Fred Hensel, Erik Edwards, Brian Lefever (the herbicide atrazine) and Kimberly Hall.

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 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds
Recording Administrative Assistant
Approved: 8/17/22

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, August 17, 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.*