

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 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, Deputy Clerk
Lori Shah, Admin. Assistant
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant
Matthew Vickless, Commissioners' Office
Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office
Candace Graff, Court Administration
Charlie Johns, Children & Youth
Janet Mentel, Property & Revenue
Adam Price, Elections
Brandon Savochnka, Human Services
Susan Stover, Probation
Lance Welliver, Parks & Recreation

VISITORS:

Karen Barbati, Lancaster Twp.
Carol Christner, Clinton Twp.
Steve Crawford, E. Butler Boro
Fred Hensel, Connoquenessing Twp.
Edward Mauk, HACB
Carrie McEvoy, E. Butler Boro
Edie Rath, Penn Twp.
Nina Teff, Butler Twp.
Richard Wilt

MEDIA:

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 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 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 August 17, 2022 Public Meeting minutes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

-- Military Recognition Citation: AB Caleb Pasqualini

OLD BUSINESS

None

Chief Clerk Lori Altman announced that the Veterans Services Office will be closed Tuesday September 13, 2022, through Friday, September 16, 2022, to walk-ins, but phone messages will be taken.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A. Adam Price made a public announcement requesting the relocation of two polling places as follows:

1. **CONCORD TOWNSHIP**

From: Municipal Building, 690 Hooker Road, West Sunbury, PA 16061

To: Concord Presbyterian Church, 673 Hooker Road, West Sunbury, PA 16061

2. **CLEARFIELD TOWNSHIP**

From: Municipal Building, 103 McGrady Road, Fenelton, PA 16034

To: St. John Catholic Church (Social Hall), 668 Clearfield Road, Fenelton, PA 16034

This item will be placed on the September 21, 2022 agenda for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Court Administration

1. Candace Graff requested approval of a Cleaning Proposal with Graceful Cleaning Solutions LLC for the Chicora MDJ in the amount \$400/mo., (which is a \$100/mo. increase from their previous company which recently requested an increase to \$500/mo.), with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

2. Candace Graff requested approval of an application for a Juvenile Probation Grant and Aid. The application for these funds includes the following:
 - o Juvenile Probation Services Grant Agreement: Lays out the amount and terms of the grant.
 - o Financial Statement: An accounting of the actual expenditures of the grant funds and interest for the prior fiscal year.
 - o Proposed Budget: For the expenditure of grant funds in the current fiscal year.
 - o JJSES Implementation Plan Signature Page: Agreement of Butler County's Juvenile Probation Office to implement JJSES initiatives per the plan submitted to and approved by JCJC.
 - o Equitable Compensation Letter: Verifies the compensation, including salaries, salary increases, employee benefits, bonuses and any other compensation provided to county Juvenile Probation personnel is equitable to that of other county and court employees.

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

B. Elections

1. Solicitor Wil White, along with Adam Price, requested approval to purchase five new cell phones (which will be dedicated solely to the Election Bureau) with the capability to run the EasyVote app and connect by Bluetooth to inventory barcode scanners (to cover poll worker/inventory management), as well as to enter into a 24-month phone contract for an estimated total cost of \$5,500 over the anticipated four years of use.

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

C. Human Resources

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of the Current Vision Plan Renewal Rate Quotation (no increase in rates) with vba for employees vision care program, for the two-year period 1/1/23 – 12/31/24, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of a Renewal Agreement with the Reschini Group for reporting requirements at the cost of \$6.25/form for the 2022 health insurance information and filing of the 1094 Form to the IRS, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

D. Human Services (See Attachment Book for details)

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contracts for FY 2022/23:
 - a. Catherine Alfery
 - b. Woods Services

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

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contract amendment for FY 2022/23:
 - a. Gateway Rehabilitation Center

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. Healthy Body Peaceful Soul, LLC
 - b. Sojourner House, Inc.
 - c. Steve Heasley Consulting Services

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

F. 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 2022/23:
 - a. Children’s Aid Society of Mercer County
 - b. George Junior Republic in PA

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

2. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the Children and Youth Needs Based Budget request for State fiscal year 2023/24.

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

G. Human Services – Area Agency on Aging

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center of Butler County for services rendered to Butler County residents in relation to Covid-19 care and assistance in the amount of \$17,311, with authorization for Beth Herold to sign. (This item was tabled until the September 21, 2022 Public Meeting.)

H. Parks & Recreation

1. Lance Welliver requested approval to use Act 13 Legacy funding in an amount up to \$80,000 to cover the increased costs relating to the DCNR Comfort Stations. This would allow us to purchase all five units that were originally included in the grant submission.

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

Lance Welliver announced that Sunday, September 11, 2022, is the Alameda Dog Paddle Pool Pawty from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. In addition, Sunday, September 25, 2022, is Fall Family Fun Day at Alameda Park from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m., which will include a car cruise, children activities, craft and food vendors.

I. Commissioners

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to reappoint the following board members to the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, for the three-year term to expire 9/30/25:
 - o Larry Fannie, Bureau of Workforce Partnership & Operations Assistant Regional Director – Western Region
 - o Gail Steck, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation District Administrator
 - o Peter Kyne, III, Owner, Eisler Landscapes

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

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to reappoint the following board members to the Farmland Preservation Board for the three-year term to expire on 12/31/25:
 - o John Allen
 - o Larry Baumgartel
 - o Ken Moniot

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

3. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Quote with Strongland Roofing Systems, of Vandergrift, PA, for the Fairground Hill Building roof replacement in the amount of \$186,859.

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

4. Ed Mauk requested approval of the Redevelopment Authority’s Addendum to an Agreement to Provide Administration Services for the Blight Mitigation Initiative to extend the Agreement for an additional three-year term, 10/1/22 – 9/30/25, and to amend the amount to no more than \$100,000 in blight mitigation work planned/under construction/demolition at any one time, which the Authority may draw down/commit.

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

5. Ed Mauk requested approval of the Housing Authority's Addendum to an Agreement to provide services per the Emergency Residential Rehabilitation Program to provide an additional \$80,000 for 2022.

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

6. Ed Mauk requested approval of an Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler to administer the 2022 PHARE Grant in the amount of \$250,000.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS

Steve Crawford spoke briefly regarding the 2020 election. Nina Teff spoke regarding the EasyVote app/voter registration.

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 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds
Recording Administrative Assistant
Approved: 9/21/22

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, September 21, 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.*