

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

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

Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office
Leslie Powers, Controller's Office
Brandon Savochnka, Human Services

MEDIA:

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

VISITORS:

Chris Arnold, Jackson Township
Tom Baker, Forward
Joe Barber, Jefferson Township
Amy Beiler, Penn West
Terrance Berry, Butler
Cathy Cavanaugh, Butler Township
Mike Chopp, Center Township
Carol Christina, Clinton Township
Steve Crawford, East Butler Borough
Matt Cornetti, Clinton
Cathy Cozzocino, Lawrence County
Bruce Daubenspeck, Center Township
Erik Edwards, Penn Township
Suzanne Freeze, Summit Township
Charlotte Grimme, Connoquenessing Township
Tracy Hack, Butler Township
Donna Hensel, Connoquenessing Township
Fred Hensel, Connoquenessing Township
Angela Hersman, Adams
Kendra Hillard, City
Charlie Johnson, Clearfield
Jetaime Johnson, Clearfield
Kathleen Keown, Butler Township
Brandy Kight, Center Township
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster Township
Bernadette Laraia, Cranberry Township
Brian Lefever, Butler Township

Lisa Lema, Worth Township
Kate Lennen, Adams Township
Judy McCrea, Clearfield Township
Marshall Miller, Butler Township
Tracey Moore, Center Township
Richard Noble, Butler
Dana Perkins, Butler Grapevine
Lydia R., Harmony
Ronald R., Harmony
Shane R., Harmony
Nancy Renick, West Sunbury
Kathleen Richardson, Adams Township
Dr. Honora Rockar, Cranberry Township
Kathy Sander, Cranberry Township
Ed Scherer, Cranberry Township
Mary Lou Scherer, Cranberry Township
Zach Scherer, Donegal Township
Erin Sellinger, Connoquenessing Township
Pam Smith, Forward
Joy Snyder, Middlesex
Jennifer Steele, Harmony
Carolyn Steglich, Harrisville Borough
Chas Tanner, Butler Township
Nina Teff, Butler Township
Robin W., Clearfield Township

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular public meeting of the Butler County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Leslie Osche at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 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

Chas Tanner spoke briefly regarding the current voting equipment used in Butler County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Osche called for a motion to approve the September 15, 2021 Public Meeting minutes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

-- Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 4 – 10, 2021

Recently Recognized:

-- National Rail Safety Week, September 20 – 26, 2021

-- Butler County Sports Hall of Fame Awardees: Shawn Bellis, John (Jake) Benton, Olivia Bresnahan, David Crummy, Jack Hartung, Joseph W. Heitzer, Don Hinchberger, William "Bill" McElroy and Tyrell Sales

-- Butler County Sports Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award: Fred Powell

-- 1972 Karns City High School Boys Basketball Team, Head Coach – Wayne Grazier

OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A. Fred Hensel requested removal of the electronic voting machines for the next and future elections and proposed the use of numerical, registered paper ballots printed on specialized paper.

Commissioner Osche made the motion to refer this request to the Election Commission and to seek input from the Judge of Elections with Aaron Sheasley's assistance; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities & Operations

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested that the approval of a new or renewal county-wide natural gas agreement, vendor to be determined when pricing comes in, for the term of a possible 1, 2 or 3 years, be pulled from the agenda.

B. Human Resources

1. 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 2021 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.

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to accept the Highmark Renewal for hospitalization, prescription, dental and vision for County employees at the rate of 4.5% for calendar year 2022.

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

The following item was added to today's agenda:

3. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of a Benefit Policy – Full-Time positions (under the grade system) to offer benefits on the first of the month after hire date. This would include health benefits, holiday pay, and vacation proration based on hire month.

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

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of a contract with Perseus House and Butler County Children and Youth/Juvenile Probation for FY 7/1/21 – 6/30/22.

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 contract with CCR HUD HOPE Project (program funded services) for the period 10/1/21 – 9/30/22, with a program maximum of \$187,111.

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

Mr. Savochka announced that the Grapevine's Remembrance & Celebration of Life Rally is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at the Alameda Park Carousel Shelter from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

E. Prison

1. Solicitor Wil White reported that at the October Prison Board Meeting, the board approved and recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve a 5-year End User License & Services Agreement with Colossus, Incorporated – JailTracker for a companion piece to the previously approved and recently installed communication system at the prison, the cost of which is already incorporated into the monthly phone cost, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

F. Treasurer

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-26, authorizing the Treasurer to collect County and municipal taxes and to charge appropriate fees for said service for those without an elected or appointed tax collector (Callery Borough, Connoquenessing Borough, Karns City

Borough, Valencia Borough and West Sunbury Borough; and any additional townships, boroughs or other municipalities that do not have a duly elected or appointed tax collector).

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

The following individuals spoke briefly regarding the election: Kathleen Richardson, Steve Crawford, Amy Beiler, Cathleen Lalonde, Joe Barber, Carolyn Steglich, Chris Arnold, Bernadette Laraia, Angela Hersman, Charlotte Grimme, Kate Lennen, Matt Cornetti, Zach Scherer, Kathy Keown, Jetaime Johnson, Brian Lefever, Terrance Berry, Erik Edwards and Ed Scherer.

No further comment was accepted as the one-hour time allotted had expired.

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 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds
Recording Administrative Assistant
Approved: 10/13/21

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Thursday, October 13, 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/>