

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 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
Nicole Burdett, CYS
Mark Gordon, Planning

Charlie Johns, CYS
Sheryl Kelly, Planning
Wendy Leslie, Planning-CDBG
Keith Rosellini, Information Technology
Brandon Savochnka, Human Services
Jim Venturini, Information Technology

MEDIA:

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

VISITORS:

Chris Arnold, Jackson Township
Karen Barbati, Lancaster
Joe Barber, Jefferson
Terrance Berry, Butler City
Brendan Carroll, Butler Township
Cathy Cavanaugh, Butler Township
Mike Chopp, Center Township
Carol Christina, Clinton Township
Matt Cornetti, Clinton
Erik Edwards, Penn
Natalie Franko, Butler Township
Terri Fuellgraf, Clinton
Donna Hensel, Connoquenessing Township
Fred Hensel, Connoquenessing Township
Kendra Hillard, Butler City
Chester Jack, Cranberry Township
Charlie Johnson, Clearfield
Jetaime Johnson, Clearfield

Brandy Kight, Center Township
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster
Brian Lefever, Butler Township
Al Lindsay
Rick McDeavitt, Butler Township
Elizabeth Perry
Dr. Honora Rokar, Cranberry
Vito Russitano, Mt. Lebanon
Michael Sanchez, Cranberry
Ed Scherer, Cranberry Township
Mary Lou Scherer, Cranberry Township
Gary Shingleton, Butler Township
Kevin Snyder, Oakland Township
Jennifer Steele, Summit
Terry Stivason, Butler
Kelly Sumansky, Butler
Nina Teff, Butler Township
Linda Timblin, Butler Township
Diana Zoelle, Evans City Borough

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, November 17, 2021, 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

Jetaïme Johnson from Clearfield Township asked about changing the time of the Commissioners' Meetings from morning to evening, so that working individuals could attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Osche called for a motion to approve the October 27, 2021 Public Meeting minutes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- National Adoption Month
- Public Health Thank You Day, November 22, 2021

Previously presented proclamation:

- Dave Walker, 2021 Veteran of the Year

Previously presented citations:

- Butler County Chamber of Commerce, 2020 Economic Impact Award
- Witchn' Kitchen, 2020 Small Business of the Year Award
- Brandon Roy, 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award
- Nextier Bank, 2021 Economic Impact Award
- Downtown Bagel House, 2021 Small Business of the Year Award
- Lisa Helmbreck, 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor Wil White reported that an Executive Session was held with the Board of Commissioners, Lori Altman and himself on Monday, November 15, 2021, from 11:10 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. for the purpose of personnel matters.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Per Chairman Osche's request, Solicitor Wil White explained the mandatory recount for all counties throughout the commonwealth for just the commonwealth court contest.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities & Operations

1. Solicitor Wil White requested ratification of a Natural Gas Purchase Order #267585 with United Energy Trading, LLC for natural gas supply for the period 1/1/22 – 12/31/23, in the amount of \$4.260/DTH City Gate.

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

B. Human Resources

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to renew rates with Spectrum Medical Corp. (SMC), LLC for random drug testing for CDL employees on the bridge crew/motor pool, beginning October 2021.

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 for FY 2021-22 with Pressley Ridge, Fee-for Service with a program maximum of \$7,200.

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 of the following contracts for FY 2021/22:
 - a. The Care Center: D/B/A SPS Care Center
 - b. UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Twin Lakes

Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. 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 and Youth/Juvenile Probation for FY 7/1/21 – 6/30/22:
 - a. Bethany Christian Services
 - b. Valley Special Needs

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 parking lease agreement with the Butler County Historical Society in the amount of \$50/month, for the term 1/1/22 – 12/31/22. There are no County funds involved; payment will be made from the Aging Block Grant.

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

G. Information Technology

1. Jim Venturini requested ratification of a service agreement with Condoris Technologies, LLC for an emergency maintenance upgrade on the Storage Network Switches, in the amount of \$1,960.

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

2. Jim Venturini requested approval to announce that the Toshiba Business Solutions of Pittsburgh proposal be accepted for the 2021 RFP – Managed MFD/Printer Program and authorize the IT Director and County Solicitor to negotiate a Professional Services Contract based upon the terms of the Proposal/RFP.

Commissioner Boozel made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Geyer. After some discussion the motion was voted down 1 to 2 with Commissioners Osche and Geyer voting no.

Commissioner Geyer then made a motion to announce that the proposal from Ford Business Machines, Inc. be accepted for the 2021 RFP – Managed MFD/Printer Program and authorize the IT Director and County Solicitor to negotiate a Professional Services Contract based upon the

terms of the Proposal/RFP. Chairman Osche seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commission Boozel voting no.

H. Planning

1. Mark Gordon requested approval for the Butler County Growth Collaborative to enter into an agreement with Capital Analytics Associates for inclusion in the Quarter 1-2022 Publication of INVEST Pittsburgh and surrounding region. This will include feature articles, leadership interviews, local company focus, trends, plans and future developments. The cost of this professional services agreement is \$15,000, of which \$3,000 will be paid by Butler County. The remaining expenses will be covered by the Growth Collaborative members (BC3, BC Tourism, Chamber and CDC of Butler County). This request includes authorization for Mark Gordon to sign.

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

2. Mark Gordon requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-28, authorizing the Amendment of the BCIB 2020 Loan Agreement dated June 24, 2020 between the County and the Borough of Zelienople, involving the project description.

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

I. Planning - CDBG

1. Wendy Leslie requested approval of a modification of the 2020-CDBG-CV Slippery Rock Township funds of \$48,372 from the rent/mortgage/utility assistance and reallocate it to housing rehab, addressing issues such as mold and poor ventilation in low/moderate income occupied homes in the Township. To date no one has applied to use these funds and we need to use them or lose them back to the State. A public hearing was hold on October 25th at 2:45 p.m. to allow for public comment. There are no County dollars involved (dates 11/17/20 – 7/1/22).

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

2. Wendy Leslie requested approval to enter into a cooperation agreement between the County of Butler, Slippery Rock Township and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler to administer their 2020 CDBG-CV housing rehab program.

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

3. Wendy Leslie requested approval of a modification of the 2020-CDBG-CV Jefferson Township funds of \$48,372 from the rent/mortgage/utility assistance and reallocate it to housing rehab addressing issues such as mold and poor ventilation in low/moderate income occupied homes in the Township. To date no one has applied to use these funds and we need to use them or lose them back to the State. A public hearing was hold on November 8th at 6:45 p.m. to allow for public comment. There are no County dollars involved (dates 11/17/20 – 7/1/22).

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

4. Wendy Leslie requested approval to enter into a cooperation agreement between the County of Butler, Jefferson Township and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler to administer their 2020 CDBG-CV housing rehab program.

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

J. Planning – Recycling/Waste Management

1. Sheryl Kelly requested approval to request proposals from fully qualified and permitted contractors who can provide residential household hazardous waste and electronics collections. This will replace our current contractor, ECS&R, who has closed their business immediately and permanently.

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

K. Prison

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Butler and the County of Franklin for inmate housing. Franklin County agrees to pay a rate of \$60/day per inmate. This was approved at yesterday's Prison Board Meeting.

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

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of a Memorandum of Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Butler and the County of Lawrence, with authorization for the Chairman to sign. This was approved at yesterday's Prison Board Meeting.

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

L. Commissioners

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to reappoint the following individuals to the Soil Conservation Board for the following terms:
 - a. John Haven, Public Director, 1/1/22 – 12/31/25
 - b. James Kennedy, Farmer, 1/1/22 – 12/31/25
 - c. Edward Thiele, Farmer, 1/1/22 – 12/31/25
 - d. Kimberly Geyer, Commissioner, 1/1/22 – 12/31/22

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

2. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to renew the Tax Collectors Bond with Travelers for 2022-2026.

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

3. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval to reappoint Mark Gordon to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Board for a four-year term 12/31/21 – 12/31/25.

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

4. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of an agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler for the administration of the 2021 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Funds for Butler County in the amount of \$250,000.

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

5. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of the cost-free agreement with CGI Communications for the County Showcase Video Program, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

6. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-29, establishing a policy for the disbursement of funds allocated to the County of Butler pursuant to Act 13 of 2012.

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

7. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of the Calendar of 2022 Public Meetings schedule.

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 unless otherwise noted: Chester Jack, Dr. Honora Rockar, Joe Barber, Diana Zoelle, Cathy Cavanaugh, Chris Arnold, Terri Fuellgraf, Charlie Johnson, Catherine Lalonde, Matt Cornetti, Kelly Sumansky (spoke re: vaccinations), Brian LeFever, Terrance Berry, Fred Hensel, Brendan Carroll and Erik Edwards.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS SUBMITTED (See Attachment Book for details)

Steve Crawford, Linda Bishop, Colleen Smith, Cathy Champagne, Peggy Tonini and Sue Daniels

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 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds
Recording Administrative Assistant
Approved: 12/1/21

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: **Wednesday, December 1, 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/>