

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Public Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Leslie Osche  
Commissioner Kimberly Geyer  
Commissioner Kevin Boozel  
Ann Brown, Budget & HS Finance Director  
H. William White, III, Solicitor  
Maria Malloy, Admin. Assistant  
Lori Shah, Admin. Assistant  
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant  
Steve Bicehouse, Emergency Services  
John Campbell, Facilities & Operations  
Mary Lou Cypher, Controller's Office  
Mark Gordon, Planning  
Beth Herold, AAA  
Wendy Leslie, Planning - CDBG  
Deputy Mark Pepper, Sheriff's Office  
Brandon Savochnka, Human Services  
Sheriff Mike Slupe  
Lance Welliver, Parks & Recreation

**VISITORS:**

Karen Barbati, Lancaster  
Carol Christner, Clinton  
Matt Cornetti, Clinton  
Steve Crawford, East Butler Boro  
Erik Edwards, Penn  
Terri Fuellgraf, Clinton  
Donna Hensel, Connoquenessing Twp.  
Fred Hensel, Connoquenessing Twp.  
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster Twp.  
Brian Lefever, Butler Twp.  
Edie Rath, Penn  
Jennifer Steele, Summit Twp.  
Nina Teff, Butler Twp.

**MEDIA:**

Tyler Friel, Butler Radio  
Alex Weidenhof, 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 10:18 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in the Public Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April 27, 2022 Public Meeting minutes.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Coroner**

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Forensic Services Agreement between the County of Butler, William F. Young, III and Dr. Joseph A. DeITondo, D.O. for forensic services including, but not limited to, the performance of autopsies, preparation of protocols and testimony of pathologists with respect to such autopsies in court proceedings.

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

### **B. Sheriff**

1. Deputy Mark Peffer requested approval to apply for 3 potential grants for funding to acquire protective gear for the Sheriff Deputies as follows:
  - Gary Sinise Foundation First Responders Outreach Program
  - Hero Fund USA

These two grants would be for funding “front-line” protective gear for the deputies. A quote from Pittsburgh Public Safety Supply for the proposed items has a total cost of \$11,507. The Gary Sinise Grant potentially could pay for 100% of this cost, while the Hero Fund USA Grant is designed to provide funds as matching/50%.

- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Bulletproof Vest Partnership

This grant would be for funding “individually fitted ballistic vests” for deputies and would pay for 50% of the purchase cost.

Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. A subsequent motion was made by Commissioner Geyer and seconded by Commissioner Boozel to include, with authorization for Deputy Mark Peffer to sign the grants. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Emergency Services**

1. Steve Bicehouse requested approval for permission to apply for the FFY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant. This grant is a federal grant administered by PEMA with a period of performance of 10/1/21 – 9/30/22 and pays 50% of the salary and benefits for two Emergency Management staff.

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

2. Steve Bicehouse requested approval of a bid award for the EMA truck, not to exceed \$75,000, and will be trading in a 2006 Region 13 vehicle to off-set the purchase cost, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

### **D. Facilities and Operations**

1. John Campbell requested approval of a Proposal with Moshier Studio to provide Schematic Design, Design Development & Construction Documents, and Permitting & Construction Administration for the N. Duffy Road property in the amount of \$137,682, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

**E. Human Resources**

1. On behalf of Chief Clerk Lori Altman, Maria Malloy requested approval of a renewal Syntrio License Agreement for employee training for the three-year term, 5/1/22 – 4/30/25, in the amount of \$45,000.

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

**F. Human Services (See Attachment Book for details)**

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contract amendments for the period 7/1/21 – 6/30/22:
  - a. Milestone – amended to add \$120,402 to the program maximum for a new total of \$1,214,256.
  - b. Milestone – amended to add \$8,873 for One-Time-Only subgrant funding.
  - c. VOICe – amended to increase Case Management by \$8,000 and decrease Emergency Shelter by \$8,000.

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

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the contract amendment with Butler County Children and Youth/Juvenile Probation for FY 2021/22 with County of Chester to extend prior agreement for a 3-month term, 7/1/22 – 9/30/22, so there is no lapse in placement while new contract is constructed.
  - Shelter Program - \$205/per diem
  - Secure Program - \$310/per diem

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

**H. Human Services – Area Agency on Aging**

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of a contract with Lamar Advertising for ad displays for the Pennsylvania Medicare Counseling Program. This display is for the period 5/23/22 – 6/19/22 for a total cost of \$5,819. The display has been approved by the State; there are no County funds involved; payment will be made out of the Aging Block Grant.

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

**I. Parks & Recreation**

1. Lance Welliver requested approval for the 2022 Local Park Renovation Grant program to increase the amount of Eau Claire's grant to \$10,000, due to the increase in project materials.

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

**J. Planning**

1. Mark Gordon requested approval of the Custom Contribution Agreement between PennDOT and the County of Butler regarding construction activities on the BUILD2 Award, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

2. Mark Gordon requested approval of Resolution No. 2022-9, authorizing the County of Butler to enter into the Custom Contribution Agreement.

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

**K. Planning - CDBG**

1. Wendy Leslie requested approval of a Cooperation Agreement between the County of Butler, the Redevelopment Authority of Butler County and Jefferson Township to administer their 2021 CDBG housing rehabilitation program. Allocation is \$89,924 for owner occupied low/moderate income residents in the township. Dates 5/11/22 – 12/1/24; no County funds are involved.

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

2. Wendy Leslie requested approval of a Cooperation Agreement between the County of Butler, the Redevelopment Authority of Butler County and Penn Township to administer their 2021 CDBG housing rehabilitation program. Allocation is \$86,078 for owner occupied low/moderate income residents in the township. Dates 5/11/22 – 12/1/24; no County funds are involved.

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

**L. Commissioners**

1. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a Lease Agreement with James Foertsch dba Har-Lo-Farms.

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**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL ITEMS**

The following individuals spoke briefly regarding the election unless otherwise noted: Steve Crawford, Erik Edwards, Fred Hensel (government spending), Karen Barbati, Catherine Lalonde, Brian Lefever and Jennifer Steele.

**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 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds  
Recording Administrative Assistant  
Approved: 5/25/22

**BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Public Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Government Center

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

***NOTE:*** Agenda is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.