

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 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
Pam Hammonds, Admin. Assistant
Matthew Vickless, Commissioners' Office
Steve Bicehouse, Emergency Services
John Campbell, Chief of Operations
Rich Goldinger, District Attorney
Mark Gordon, Planning
Candace Graff, Court Administration
Beth Herold, AAA
Mike Hillwig, F&O
Leslie Powers, Controller's Office
Brandon Savochka, Human Services
Linda Sell, Controller's Office
Mike Slupe, Sheriff
Beau Sneddon, Prison
Jim Venturini, IT

VISITORS:

Tom Baker, Forward Twp.
Karen Barbati, Lancaster Twp.
Carol Christner, Clinton Twp.
Steve Crawford, E. Butler Boro
Terri Fuellgraf, Clinton Twp.
Kimberly Hall, Forward Twp.
Catherine Lalonde, Lancaster Twp.
Brian Lefever, Butler Twp.
Carrie McEvoy, E. Butler Boro
Tracee Moore, Center Twp.
Edie Rath, Penn Twp.

MEDIA:

Steve Ferris, Butler Eagle
Tyler Friel, Butler Radio
Gillian McGoldrick, Pittsburgh Post
Gazette (via phone)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular public meeting of the Butler County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Leslie Osche at 10:03 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 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

The following individuals commented briefly regarding the hand count ballot review process: Karen Barbati, Catherine Lalonde and Steve Crawford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Osche called for a motion to approve the July 27, 2022 Public Meeting minutes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

-- Jack Stauffer's 100th Birthday – born August 8, 1922 (Mailed)

-- Letters of Citation for Housing Authority's County of Butler Scholarship Winners:

*Catarah Cain

*Tiffany Cass

*Damian Gurner

-- Certificate of Recognition:

*Sgt. Gary DeWayne Reed, U. S. Army (issued in memory – lost his life serving his country on 3/20/68. To be presented on 8/19/22 at the American Legion rededication of the Highfield Vietnam Memorial.

OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Solicitor Wil White reviewed the ballot review process summary (see Attachment Book for details).

It was recommended and agreed upon by all three Commissioners that there be a recount of Middlesex Township South after the 2022 election, since that precinct did not get counted during the August ballot review process as originally planned.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Court Administration

1. Candace Graff requested approval of a Cleaning Contract with Relihan Enterprises for the Saxonburg Magisterial District Court 50-3-03 for the term 9/1/22 – 9/1/23, in the amount of \$303.33/month (a \$68.33/month increase over the price established in 2016), with an extra \$30/each for spring and fall window cleaning, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

B. District Attorney

1. Rich Goldinger requested approval of a three-year Agreement with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw Proflex as follows, with authorization for the Chairman to sign:
 - * Year 1 - \$1,735.01/month
 - * Year 2 - \$1,821.76/month
 - * Year 3 - \$1,912.85/month

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

C. Sheriff

1. Mike Slupe requested approval of an Agreement with Adagio Health, Inc. to provide a comprehensive tobacco control program in Butler County for FY 2022/23 (7/1/22 – 6/30/23), in the amount of \$10,000.

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

D. Emergency Services

1. Steve Bicehouse requested approval to reappoint the following board members to the Communications Council Board for a three-year term to expire 8/1/25:
 - * Joseph McCombs
 - * Myron Greenert
 - * William Ahlgren

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

2. Steve Bicehouse requested approval to appoint Shawn Smith to the Communications Council Board, as the representative for the dispatchers, for a three-year term to expire 8/1/25.

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

3. Steve Bicehouse requested approval to change the terms of the Contract with Zoll (EMS Charts) to reflect a 3% increase per year. This increase will take effect 1/1/23 instead of 6/1/22 (essentially we are deferring the increase for 6 months). In January our terms should reset to January 1 through December 31 and will reflect a 3% increase (instead of June 1 – May 31).

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

E. Facilities & Operations

1. Mike Hillwig requested approval of a three-year (9/1/22 – 8/31/25) Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls to test and inspect the fire alarm system for the Government Center, Annex and Courthouse as follows:
 - * Year 1 - \$11,925.00 (6% increase from last year)
 - * Year 2 - \$12,640.50 (6% increase)
 - * Year 3 - \$13,398.93 (6% increase)

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

2. Mike Hillwig requested approval of a three-year (9/1/22 – 8/31/25) Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls for Fire Pump/Wet Sprinklers/Dry Sprinkler Test and Inspection for the Government Center and Annex as follows:
 - * Year 1 - \$1,820.00 (10% increase from last year)
 - * Year 2 - \$1,929.20 (6% increase)
 - * Year 3 - \$2,044.95 (6% increase)

Commissioner Geyer made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Boozel. The motion carried with Commissioner Boozel voting no.

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

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contracts for FY 2022/23:
 - a. Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Addiction Center
 - b. Clear Day Treatment of Westmoreland, LLC
 - c. Davis Archway House

- d. Davis Archway Treatment Center
- e. Firetree
- f. Renewal Treatment Inc.
- g. UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Twin Lakes
- h. Gateway Rehabilitation Center

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 following contracts/amendment with Butler County Children and Youth/Juvenile Probation for FY 2022/23:
 - a. County of Chester
 - b. Lifesteps
 - c. Pathways Adolescent Center
 - d. The Children’s Institute (Project Star) – Amendment #1

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

H. Human Services (See Attachment Book for details)

1. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the submission of the 2022/23 Human Services Block Grant Plan to the PA Department of Human Services, with authorization for the Commissioners to sign the Assurance of Compliance form that is required to be submitted with the Plan.

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

2. Brandon Savochka requested approval to submit to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to amend our current Emergency Solutions Grant – CV. This amendment includes extending the grant from an end date of 8/31/22 to 6/30/23 and also includes changes between line items in order to reflect actual expenditures within the program, with authorization for the Chairman to sign the amendment request letter on behalf of the Board.

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

3. Brandon Savochka requested approval of an amendment to the Catholic Charities ESG CV contract dated 7/8/20 – 8/31/22 to increase the amount by \$3,600, for a total contract amount of \$1,415,092.

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

4. Brandon Savochka requested approval of an amendment with ARC Human Services to increase MH Residential Service for FY 2021/22 by \$6,003 for a new program maximum of \$384,593 fee-for-service with cost settlement.

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

5. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contracts for FY 2022/23:
- a. AccessAbilities
 - b. Achieva Support
 - c. Advance Wellness & Edu. Ctr.
 - d. Adventure Time Pediatric
 - e. Advocacy Alliance
 - f. Alliance for Nonprofit Resources
 - g. ARC, Human Services
 - h. Butler Health System
 - i. CARES of Western PA
 - j. Catholic Charities
 - k. Center for Community Resources
 - l. Christine Cooper
 - m. Community Care Connections, Inc.
 - n. Community Options
 - o. DePaul Hearing
 - p. Diversified Human Services
 - q. (JG) Early Intervention Specialists
 - r. Family Psychological
 - s. Glade Run
 - t. Grapevine
 - u. Integrated Care Corporation
 - v. Karns City CTC
 - w. Kids Count
 - x. Lifesteps
 - y. Lighthouse Foundation
 - z. Mental Health Association
 - aa. Milestone Center, Inc.
 - bb. NAMI
 - cc. Next Step Therapy
 - dd. Nonprofit Development Corp.
 - ee. Pediatric Therapy Professionals
 - ff. Positive Steps Therapy
 - gg. RehabLinks
 - hh. Sensory Link
 - ii. Supports Coordination Group
 - jj. TEIS
 - kk. The Arc of Butler County of Butler
 - ll. The CARE Center, Inc.
 - mm. Therapy House
 - nn. United Way of SW PA
 - oo. Valley Community Services
 - pp. Vocational Psychological Services
 - qq. VOICe
 - rr. Western PA School for the Deaf

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

6. Brandon Savochka requested approval of the following contracts for FY 8/1/22 – 7/31/23:
- a. Catholic Charities – HUD Path Transition Age
 - b. Nonprofit Development Corp. – HUD Path Transition Age

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

I. Planning - Bridges

1. Mark Gordon requested approval of a new Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT for the replacement of County Bridge #70, the Neigh Wadsworth, on Geibel Road in Summit Township, with authorization for the Chief Clerk to sign the agreement, any addendums and/or exhibits. This bridge is 100% federally funded, except the purchase of Right of Way. The previous agreement, R22100003, had to be cancelled. Only Preliminary Engineering has been approved on the 2022 TIP, the rest (final design, utilities, ROW and construction) of the funding is in the 2023 TIP. The 2023 TIP has not been passed yet, but should be passed by the State in mid-October. At that time a request will be made to update the rest of the funding for the bridge.

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

2. Mark Gordon requested approval of Resolution No. 2022-16, authorizing Lori Altman, Butler County's Chief Clerk, to electronically sign the above-mentioned agreement on behalf of Butler County.

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

J. Prison

1. On behalf of Joe DeMore, Mike Slupe requested approval of the Agreement with the Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Addiction Center who will assume full responsibility, but with the Prison's reasonable cooperation where necessary, for the provision of addiction treatment services to inmates of the Butler County Prison for the period 9/1/22 – 8/31/23.

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

K. Commissioners

1. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of the four-year (1/1/23 – 12/31/26) agreement with the County of Butler and the Probation Association.

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

2. Solicitor Wil White requested approval for an abatement of taxes in exchange for reimbursement by the Heaton Estate to the County for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau in relation to the properties for Parcel No. 060-S20-AA-0000, an 8.708-acre parcel in Center Township (Shady Lane Farms), and Parcel No. 056-19-KA-0000, a 1.239-acre parcel in Butler Township (Camelot Woods Open Space).

Solicitor White noted that the Homeowners Associations will be completely responsible for any and all maintenance and liability regarding these properties.

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

3. John Campbell requested approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with Valley View Estates, Inc. to lease the eastern portion of the premises situate at 530 and 532 Fairground Hill Road for purposes of relocating the Butler Township Magisterial District Judge's Office for a term of 10 years commencing 9/1/22, and terminating on 8/31/32, with an option to purchase during the eighth year, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

4. John Campbell requested approval of a Gordian Contract with Clark Contractors, Inc. for demo of existing interior partitions, redesign office space and rebuild, electrical, HVAC, plumbing and general at the Butler County Fairground Hill Road building, in the amount of \$74,235.59.

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

5. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested notification of a Certificate as to Authorized Representatives (being Commissioner Boozel) of Pennsylvania Opioids Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust.

6. Chief Clerk Lori Altman requested approval of Exhibit 3, 2022 Butler County Litigating Subdivision Certification regarding use of PA Opioid settlement funds.

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

7. Solicitor Wil White requested approval of a proposal from Valbridge Property Advisors for 1) an initial review of Appellant's Appraisal Report and 2) a complete Appraisal for the 2021 Assessment Appeal of Madison Grove, LLC. Costs are \$1,000 for the initial review and \$3,800 respectively, but costs will be shared with the Slippery Rock Area School District paying half and Butler County paying half, with authorization for the Chairman to sign.

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

Steve Crawford spoke briefly regarding the 2020 election ballot recount.

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 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hammonds
Recording Administrative Assistant
Approved: 9/7/22

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Public 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.*