



July 20, 2026
Board of Works

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Bob Haywood, Board of Works
Justin Smith, Board of Works
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Colleen Hennessey, Utility Clerk
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent

Absent:

Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Board of Works at 6:30 pm at 215 South Broadway.



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The minutes from the July 6th meeting were presented. Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from audience pertaining to the agenda items. None

Colin Bice from the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership provided the Board of Works information on what the Partnership has worked on over the past several months.

- *The Job Fair for Janus employees had 29 participating employers.
- *The Diesel Tech Program at Eastside High School is now up and running.
- *He visited several places for the purpose of business retention.
- *He is also working on a Brownfield Project.

Ann Finchum from Auburn Main Street provided information about the funding for the DeKalb County Veterans Memorial. She requested that the City of Butler donate \$3,690 for the project. The Auburn Main Street was unable to raise enough funding to finish the project.

There was discussion. The members of the Board pointed out that the only reason that they are being asked to donate now is because Auburn was not able to meet the goal. Auburn Main Street promoted the project throughout the county and didn't mention any other community except Auburn. The request was tabled to determine where any possible funding would come from.

Payments and Vouchers

Pay Period 6/29 to 7/12 in the amount of \$47,507.16

Vouchers for the period 7/2 to 7/16 in the amount of \$672,942.40

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the claims and vouchers as presented and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jake from GFL requested that the Board approve a fuel surcharge for the weekly garbage collection. When GFL priced garbage and recycling collection they had no way of knowing that fuel prices would increase so drastically. GFL is estimating that it would add \$.50 per household per month. The current contract does not address this issue.



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Mr. Smith asked if the additional \$.50 would be charged every month or if only when fuel costs reached above a certain price.

Clerk Hennessey stated that it isn't easy for the City to charge an extra \$.50 per month to our customers, and it is only more difficult to only occasionally charge it. A public hearing would be required along with a new rate ordinance to change anything that the City charges.

Mayor Hartman stated that he thought there may be extra funds available in the Garbage Fund to cover the additional cost. He would have Clerk-Treasurer Eck look into it next week. He estimates that the additional cost per month would be \$436.

Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize the payment of a fuel surcharge if needed and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Smith also requested that GFL email the City whenever the fuel surcharge will be charged.

Police

Assistant Police Chief Cory Rowe requested permission to hire two new police officers and to put them into the 1977 Police Fund, Brian Miller and Andrew Spangler. Mr. Smith made a motion to hire Brian Miller and Andrew Spangler. Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Assistant Chief Rowe presented a Special Event Request from Amanda Knapp to allow ORV's to drive in Butler during Butler Days. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Special Event Request and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor

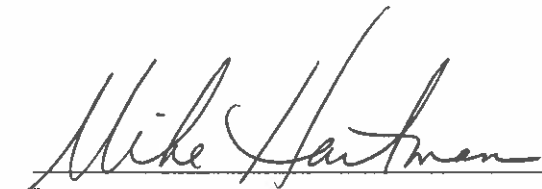
Mayor Hartman presented an Interlocal Agreement with DeKalb County to provide Planning Staff Assistance for the City of Butler Planning Department. Mr. Provines last day with the City will be August 3rd and Mayor Hartman will not be hiring anyone for the position. The Interlocal Agreement that is being presented will replace the existing agreement with the County and will have a cost of \$42,500. The proposed agreement also includes an annual provision for increases when the City of Butler gives pay increases to its employees starting in 2028. This new agreement will save the City approximately \$7,500.



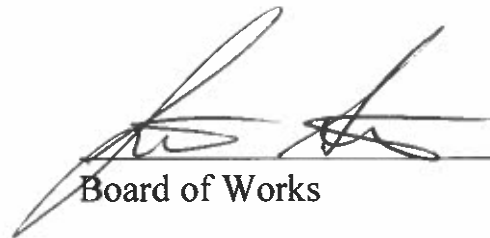
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There was discussion about the proposed agreement. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Mr. Haywood seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Haywood made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



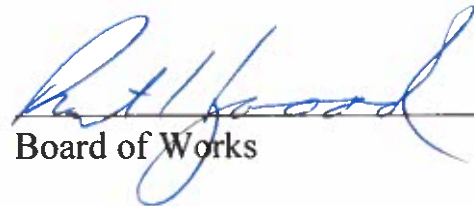
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