

MINUTES
Thursday, August 12, 2021

APPROVED
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The BOCC Management Conference met at the hour of 9:30 A.M. with the following members present: Commissioners Stan Sallee, Karen Keith and Ron Peters, Chief Deputies Mike Craddock, Kerri Fothergill and Vicki Adams. Others present: Dan Pease, Joe Lord and Steve Mayhew, IT, Teresa Tosh and Parker Sisco, Inspection and Zoning, Gwen Freeman, Secretary of Election Board, Sherri Carrier, Court Services Director, Mike Neal, Ray Hoyt, Arthur Jackson, and Conner Carroll, Tulsa Regional Chamber, John Wright and Christina Wideman, Assessor, Frances Dodson, Parks Communication Manager, Devin Egan, Tulsa County Communication, Michael Willis, County Clerk, Ronny Walker, Building Operations Director, Vince Trinidad, Parks Director, Terry Simonson, Director of Governmental Relations.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Tulsa Chamber - Mike Neal

The Tulsa Chamber recognizes an increase in community activity participation. Octoberfest is coming up October 21-24. Also, October 11-13 is the date for the Innercity visit and NW Arkansas is the selected location. A tourism update report shows there has been a large up turn with leads coming in, groups and booked rooms, resulting in a very positive economic impact. Events planned are important as they open the outside world to Tulsa and what it has to offer. There is an increased interest shown in using the Tulsa area by the movie industry. Arthur Jackson with an Economic Development update. The Tulsa Chamber is working to improve business retention and expansion. Through the focus on attracting businesses, there have been to date 28 site visits to the Tulsa County area. Another area the Chamber is working on is talent attraction and retention using two programs they have implemented. The Campus Tulsa program is designed to bring college interns from top universities around the nation for mentorship. The other program is the Next Gen Talent, which is designed to take juniors and seniors from local high schools, connect them with companies, introduce them to executive-type rolls, training and mentorship with the hope they will return after their college experiences and stay in this area and for their careers. The Chamber has launched an effort called the Northeast Oklahoma Automotive Corridor designed to bring together all the large land tracts available in the region and get this information in front of site consultants.

B. Parks User Fees - Vince Trinidad

The Parks Department is in the process of gathering and evaluating data for the last six months on fees charged for facility use in order to create an equitable increase in fees across the board that is fair to all. The goal is to make sure the Parks Department is creating the most inviting park system they can.

C. The re-designed tulsacounty.org website - Devin Egan and Steve Mayhew

The Tulsa County re-designed website team desires clear direction on what should/should not appear on the web site. Stats clearly show which pages are visited the most, so they will be foremost on the site. When the

site goes live, there will be a way for the user to give feedback about how well the site works for them and how user-friendly it is in helping them find what they are looking for. This feedback will help the team decide what changes need to be made. By streamlining the information with the content management system being used, there are more than 60 pages and 90 PDF documents that are no longer needed and have been removed. Some departments have their own websites. The Tulsa County site will direct people to the department they seek. The new website will go live sometime in September 2021.

D. Update on the American Rescue Plan - Terry Simonson

There are three levels of vetting an ARP application must go through at the state level, before it is submitted to the governor. The applicant must be prepared to partner with the county or city for some of their financial request. There have been 52 ARP applications and inquiries to the County.

Both the infrastructure bill and the social infrastructure bill passed supporting upgrades to broadband in Tulsa County. Tulsa County is collaborating with the City of Tulsa in order to identify gaps in service where people aren't getting any or have poor broadband service. The federal guidance has recommended there be investments in ground fiber placement. Also, ownership should be with the local government so it can be made available to multiple ISP's. Tulsa County would own and maintain the broadband being installed. An interactive map has been created for Tulsa County showing where the fiber is currently and where it is lacking. This will help prevent duplication when laying new fiber.

E. Legislative Updates - Terry Simonson

The Speaker of the House approved over 100 interim studies with 6 of them affecting Tulsa County, the most important of which is the bill giving the County Commissioners ordinance making authority. The studies will be scheduled in September and October.

F. BOCC Appointees - County Commissioners

The Board of Adjustments is going through some changes. One gentleman wishes to step down. There has been interest shown and the Commissioners are working on the replacement.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 O.S. § 311.A.10, new business is defined as any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.

None

V. ADJOURN

Motion made by Ron Peters, seconded by Karen Keith, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Yes - Ron Peters, Stan Sallee, Karen Keith. No - None, Abstain - None. Motion Carried



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Stan Sallee, Chairman

ATTEST:



Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk