

MINUTES
Thursday, December 14, 2023

APPROVED
12/18/2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The BOCC Management Conference met at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in Room 132 of the Tulsa County HQ Building, 218 West 6th Street, Tulsa, OK, with the following members present: Commissioner Stan Sallee; Chief Deputy James Rea, representing Commissioner Karen Keith; Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley. Others present include: Chief Deputies Mike Craddock and Darren Gantz; Kenneth Yates, County Clerk's Office; Mike Neal, Renee McKenney, Joel Koester, Arthur Jackson, Elizabeth Osburn, Meg Perdue, Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce; Jeff Edwards and Tonja Carrigg, River Parks Authority; Charles Wall, Savannah Crandall, Aimee Mirzaian, Brandon DeLozier, Shirl Pilcher, Tulsa County Social Services; Alison Anthony, Tulsa Area United Way; Teresa Tosh and Lucky Airehrour, Inspections/Zoning; Leslie Fisher, BOCC; and Patricia Lord, Recording Secretary.

Kelly Dunkerley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and the following business was transacted:

II. OLD BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Update on Tulsa Area United Way ARPA Project; 211 EOK - Alison Anthony, President & CEO, Tulsa Area United Way

Alison Anthony provided a handout and began by stating the Tulsa Area United Way completed their 2023 United Way Campaign and they hit their goal. She highlighted not doing this alone but partnering with 850 organizations and the thousands of volunteers, with 4,000 volunteers for Day of Caring. Ms. Anthony continued by updating the Board on the funding received through 2022 ARPA dollars and how it has made progress through the Tulsa County Food Insecurity Collaborative Plan. Using the data in the handout provided, she explained the plan as well as how the funding was used. She concluded by explaining that the Tulsa Area United Way took ownership of the 211EOK program on June 1st. The program is a resource database containing services for 357 agencies for Tulsa County with housing, utility assistance, food/meals, and healthcare being the reason for over 20,000 contacts. Discussion ensued between the Board and Ms. Anthony.

- B. Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update - Mike Neal, President & CEO; Justin McLaughlin, Executive Vice President & COO; Arthur Jackson, SVP Economic Development; Elizabeth Osburn, SVP Government Affairs; Makala Barton, Director Government Affairs; Renee McKenney, SVP Regional Tourism

The Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce provided a written report. Mike Neal began by stating they have finished the year well. In addition, he provided some dates for important events that will take place in 2024. Renee McKenney provided an end of year update for Regional Tourism and noted the upcoming events with Chili Bowl and Tulsa Shootout. Arthur Jackson provided an Economic Development recap of 2023 and stated the business attraction team is currently managing over 116 projects; overall for the year they have brought in 100 new projects. He highlighted a Tulsa World article stating 300 additional jobs at the American Airlines maintenance facility. Elizabeth Osburn provided a Government Affairs update noting there were about 2,300-2,500 brand new bills filed with 2,700 existing from last session. She stated that from January 18th to the beginning of February 2024 they will be reading every line of every bill. Elizabeth concluded by introducing the new Executive Assistant for Government Affairs, Meg Perdue.

C. River Parks and Oktoberfest Quarterly Update - Jeff Edwards, Executive Director & CEO, River Parks Authority

Jeff Edwards provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some of their largest annual accomplishments. With respect to Turkey Mountain, he stated they have activated a Turkey Trail Team that does a lot of maintenance for them. He added the amount of trails available has grown as well as the user base. Jeff mentioned during the windstorm they lost roughly 50 mature trees with 200 total being damaged and utilized 300+ large rollofts to take debris offsite with recovery time being four months. Working through INCOG, they will be implementing a Bike Patrol Program on the Katy Trail; two officers will be placed on bikes on the Katy Trail Monday through Friday in the morning and in the afternoon. Tonja Carrigg provided an update on Oktoberfest stating that this is one of the oldest and largest festivals which began in 2011 and there has been over 500% revenue increase. Jeff stated that Tonja has already started planning next year's event.

D. Tulsa County Social Services Reports - Savannah Crandall

a. Pharmacy - Aimee Mirzaian

b. Service Navigation/Rx Donations and Burial/Cremation Services - Brandon DeLozier

c. Transitional Living Center - Shirl Pilcher

d. Community Outreach - Savannah Crandall

Savannah Crandall, Assistant Director of Social Services provided a powerpoint presentation. She began by introducing her team. Aimee Mirzaian, Pharmacy, explained how the Social Services pharmacy and prescription recycling program works. Brandon DeLozier provided an update on the prescription donation process, eligibility guidelines and the cremation/burial assistance Social Services provides. Shirl Pilcher highlighted the Tulsa County Transitional Living Center they have on-site at Social Services. She explained how they are able to assist those experiencing homelessness and provide a safe, secure environment. Savannah Crandall concluded with providing a community outreach update and highlighted a client they helped transition into permanent housing after being in shelters since 2000.

10:55 a.m. Commissioner Stan Saltee stepped out of the meeting.

E. Inspections / Zoning Update - Teresa Tosh, Director, Inspections

Teresa Tosh provided a brief update. She mentioned huge projects with American Airlines, mostly maintenance. In house they are working on the CRS program

F. BOCC Appointee Report - Leslie Fisher

The BOCC Appointee Report was reviewed by the Board with directions provided to process appointments and reappointment

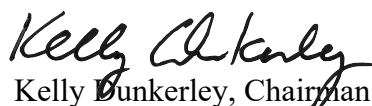
IV. NEW BUSINESS

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.

V. ADJOURN

Motion made by Kelly Dunkerley, seconded by James Rea, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Upon roll call, Yes - Kelly Dunkerley, James Rea. No - None. Abstain - None. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kelly Dunkerley, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Willis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Willis" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk