

MINUTES
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

APPROVED
5/20/2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Management Conference met at the hour of 12:00 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioner Stan Sallee, Commissioner Karen Keith and Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley. Others present: Darren Gantz, James Rea, Mike Craddock, Sherry Langston, Patricia Lord, Laurie Lee and Leslie Fisher-BOCC, Brian Malone-District 3, John Fothergill-Tulsa County Treasurer, Michael Willie-Tulsa County Clerk, Alex Mills-Engineering, Don Newberry-Tulsa County Court Clerk, Julie Blew-Recording Secretary.

Commissioner Stan Sallee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:17. Commissioner Keith made a motion to open the meeting. Commissioner Dunkerley seconded the motion. The following business was conducted:

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Presentation by Commissioner Stan Sallee, Commissioner Karen Keith, and Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley, at the request of the Jenks Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of updating Jenks citizens regarding Tulsa County.

Commissioner Dunkerley shared that only 8.49% of the AD Valorem taxes that are paid by the citizens comes to the county, and takes care of things like our parks, roads, sheriff's department, the jail and many other things. He stressed the importance of partnerships and interlocal agreements in order to get road improvements accomplished. LaFortune Park is benefiting from a BOCC initiative of \$6.5M to expand the tennis courts by adding 3 more courts to the Case Tennis Center. He was also involved with Edan Village. He touched on the fact that the courthouse issue is a work in progress by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Keith reminded everyone that 20 years ago Tulsa county folks did a thing called Vision 2025 which changed the face of all our communities in Tulsa County. The BOK Center was the lead project in the initiative. She went through a litany many changes, the office buildings downtown are being transformed into housing, new restaurants, housing developments and attractions that are helping to grow businesses and that is just in the downtown area. As for the West side of Tulsa the OSU Academic Medical district is 25% complete where there will be a VA hospital and a 160 bed mental health hospital which will be of great help to the homeless population. To affect everyone in Tulsa County is the new air traffic control tower and international inspection facility. The Gilcrease museum improvements will include an amphitheater scheduled to open in 2026. Jenks is on fire with lots of new housing and eating places as well. There is so much new development in Tulsa County and this major turn around all started with Vision 2025 dollars followed by private investments. Commissioner Sallee shared his family connections to Jenks from the 1940s through his granddad, Saul Bayouth, the Bayouth's Department Store and his commitment to the early years of economic development in the Jenks area. When Tulsa County did a tax initiative called 4tofix the County is when Tulsa looked at what was going on and how you regionally pull together the suburbs to pass this tax. From that tax initiative, Economic Development began to really take off. Tulsa County is one of the few counties in the state that has a budget board which means it is not just the three Commissioners that make the decisions on how the money is spent. It takes the input of the other elected officials as well. Tulsa County gets only 8.49% of the AD Valorem taxes which has to support at least 40 different areas of county government. ARPA projects are going on around the county right now thanks to Covid dollars like the new Election Board building and Sheriff Head

Quarters. Expo Square is another place that the tax dollars have improved the facility immensely in order to draw events from all over the country which produces millions of dollars of economic impact on the community.

B. Time for Questions and Answers

None

IV. **ADJOURN**

Chairman Sallee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Karen Keith, seconded by Kelly Dunkerley, to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Upon roll call, Yes - Kelly Dunkerley, Karen Keith, Stan Sallee. No - None. Motion Carried

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Stan Sallee, Chairman

ATTEST:



Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk

