

MINUTES
Thursday, May 9, 2024

APPROVED
7/22/2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Management Conference met at 9:34 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Stan Sallee, Karen Keith and Chief Deputy Darren Gantz. Others present: Chief Deputy's Mike Craddock and James Rea, Sherry Langston, Laurie Lee-BOCC; Dan Pease, Alan Vanderburg-IT; Amanda Adams-Court Clerk; Mike Neal, Renee McKinney, Katie Henke, Stacy Smith, Justin McLaughlin-Tulsa Chamber; Ronny Walker-Building Ops; Megan Blackford-Engineering; John Wright, Mark Liotta-Assessor; Matney Ellis-Procurement; Michael Willis, Kenneth Yates, Aaron Wiedman, Miyuki Dwyer-County Clerk; Xia Xiong, Yuri Toledo-Human Resources; John Fothergill-Treasurer; Teresa Tosh, Kerrick Edenborough-Inspections; Julie Blew Recording Secretary.

Stan Sallee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and the following business was transacted:

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Treasurer - John Fothergill - Discussion about hiring a firm that will audit county entities for potential fraud and waste.

The Treasurer's office has implemented new software systems with new controls and new ways of doing things. It has always been the plan after the new system was in place, to have someone take a look at the potential for any risks and perform an internal control assessment. After looking at everything, the group will report on what is being done right and what was being done wrong. Changes can then be made before the state auditors come, allowing the county to have a clean annual audit.

- B. Tulsa Chamber of Commerce - Chamber update/Mike Neal; Economic Development/Justin McLaughlin; Tourism/Renee McKinney; Governmental Affairs/Katie Henke

Mike Neal thanked Commissioner Sallee on his role as Chair for sitting in on several different leadership meetings with Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole while in Washington DC for the Chamber of Commerce Fly-in. With Chairman Tom Cole as the first ever Oklahoman to chair the Appropriations Committee, he has requested the Tulsa Chamber and the Commissioners to take advantage of him and his position and to be more aggressive in asking for help with community needs. Justin McLaughlin reports that new capital investment has exceeded the three-year plan goal, which indicates that companies are deciding to invest in coming to Tulsa and they are staying. There were 55 site visits last year and they are on target to see that many this year. A great deal of time is being spent with companies who want to leave California and are seriously looking at the Tulsa area as the new home for their businesses. Expo Square has become a huge venue for Tulsa. They hosted a volleyball tournament for the first time. It was the largest ever held in Oklahoma with 340 teams competing. Expo also hosted 5000 FFA kids. The people of Tulsa have been encouraged to use non-stop flights, or we will lose them. It is vitally important to keep those flights as they are selling tools the Chamber uses to bring Economic Development to Tulsa.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding Tulsa County Courthouse with ADG Blatt, Lilly Architects and J.E. Construction

Motion was made to strike Action Item C. by Karen Keith and seconded by Darren Gantz. All in favor: Yay. All opposed: None.

- D. BOCC Appointee Report

There are three prospects for Tulsa Park Board with no decision made. Chief Deputy James Rea is interested in being reappointed to the Metropolitan Environmental Trust. Commissioner Sallee has a potential replacement for the vacancy on the Park Board in District 1 and is working on a replacement for a vacancy on the Library Commission. Dr. Dart recommends reappointing Michael Stout to the Tulsa City County Health Board. The three Mayors for the Tulsa County Criminal Justice Authority term at the end of July. One will vacate his position; one wishes to be reappointed and one is undecided.

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 was made by Karen Keith and Darren Gantz to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Upon roll call, Yes-Karen Keith, Darren Gantz and Stan Sallee. No-None. Abstain-None. Motion carried

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Stan Sallee, Chairman

ATTEST:



Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk

