

MINUTES
Friday, September 20, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Management Conference met at 8:20 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 420 West Albany Street, Broken Arrow, OK with the following members present: Commissioners Stan Sallee, Karen Keith and Kelly Dunkerley. Others present were: Chief Deputies Mike Craddock, Jim Rea and Darren Gantz; Laurie Lee, Sherry Langston, Patricia Lord-BOCC; Lois Turley, Tracy Scullawl-Tulsa County Clerk; John Fothergill-Tulsa County Treasurer; John Wright-Tulsa County Assessor; Broken Arrow Chamber Area Members; Other City and State Dignities; Julie Blew, Recording Secretary.

Stan Sallee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. and the following business was transacted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

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

Commissioner Karen Keith provided an update on the sovereign nations and their many contributions to our community. There has been advancement in so many areas thanks to the sovereign nations, such as the economy, an increase in the work force, technology, medical advancement, education, road and bridge repairs and even national attention because of the film industry and many more.

Commissioner Dunkerley thanked Commissioners Keith and Sallee for their mentorship and different perspectives provided over the last two years. He shared the fact that the money for road repair comes from a formula developed by the state legislators. He gave an update on the upgrades in the parks of Tulsa County, particularly LaFortune park.

Commissioner Sallee provided his perspective on the Juvenile Justice system. The Juvenile Bureau is divided into two sections. The judicial side and the detention side. There is a new incoming presiding judge every two years that dictates which judge will be responsible for the Juvenile Bureau. If there is already a Director that handles the detention area he will continue in that position. If not, then the Judge will select the Director. Nowhere in the statute does it say county government has any involvement in operations, hiring, firing or managing. This structure for running the Juvenile Bureau was written in 1968. Judge Gray currently manages all the judges on the judicial side and oversees the Director of the detention home. These kids stay a few months, then move to the judicial side where they find out their fate is. For fifty years, Tulsa County has always been structured like this. Never has the County Commission had to come in and manage the Detention Center. The BOCC received a phone call on a Friday from OJA that informed BOCC they were coming on Monday for a meeting, with the purpose of informing everyone they had lost all confidence in the Juvenile Bureau and were going to shut it down in two weeks unless something major happened. Two weeks was not a long enough time to get it subcontracted out, so the Commission quickly decided they would take it over.

- B. Time for Questions and Answers

None

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 Kelly Dunkerley to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 Upon roll call, Yes-Stan Sallee, Karen Keith and Kelly Dunkerley. No-None. Abstain-None. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Stan Sallee, Chairman

ATTEST:



Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk