

(Agenda of meeting was posted outside of the Tulsa County Headquarters Building and on the Tulsa County website at www.tulsacounty.org on July 7, 2025 at 4:05pm)

MINUTES
Thursday, July 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Sims called The BOCC Management Conference Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m with the following business transacted:

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken with the following members present: Chief Deputy Michael Craddock and Mark Vancuren and Commissioners Stan Sallee and Lonnie Sims. Sitting Commissioner Chief Deputy Darren Gantz, County Clerk Micheal Willis. County Assessor John Wright. Others Present: Jeff Edwards, River Parks; Erin Martin, Fresh RX ;Tulsa County employees are as follows: Kathy Burrows and Robert Harmon, Matthew Hancock, Dan Peace, Alan Vanderburg, Ronnie Walker, Nathan Krotzer, David Tackett, Teresa Tosh, Debra Medley, Sherry Langston, Laurie Lee.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. River Parks Update- Jeff Edwards, CEO Executive Director

Jeff Edwards Presented a Verbal Report. He discussed the success of the Turkey Mountain Sanctuary Bike Trail, a ribbon-cutting event with over 200 attendees, indicating strong community support. River Parks feels the need for transparency and communication about the financial situation and future plans with the financial challenges faced by the park system, including a \$150,000 deficit and potential service reductions. Despite extra county funding, the organization faces a \$150,000 deficit this year, necessitating service reductions, particularly in mowing services. The River Parks foundation may support some of the deficit. There was an emphasis on the importance of securing additional maintenance funding for Turkey Mountain due to its popularity. A \$1 million maintenance reserve for Turkey Mountain is mentioned, with only 5% allowed to be spent annually. The county provided an extra \$52,000 for River Parks, but wage increases and special event positions were eliminated. The master plan at Turkey Mountain is nearing completion, with the last \$1 million of designated funds to be spent by September. Edwards fielded questions with regard to exploring donation options and the presence of donation cans at facilities. Naming rights on lights and plaques. Edwards expressed concerns about overcrowding the park with plaques. There is an importance of balancing recognition with the park's aesthetic. He also mentioned the potential for a campaign encouraging users to donate, similar to a \$1 per visit model, and working with PSO on a dedicated lighting system for the Katy Trail.

B. Produce Prescription Programs- Erin Martin, Director, Fresh RX

Erin Martin introduced Fresh RX, a nonprofit prescription program that provides locally grown fruits and vegetables to people with chronic diseases. The program has received national recognition and has produced significant health outcomes, including reversing type 2 diabetes. Fresh RX operates out of the North Tulsa Health Department and receives referrals from 22 primary care clinics. The program is funded by the Food is Medicine Act of Oklahoma, which mandates managed care organizations to pay for such programs. Fresh RX participants receive free food every other week and must attend cooking or nutrition classes. The program has seen incredible health outcomes, including significant weight loss and improved mental health. Martin inquired about a potential collaboration with OSU Extension and Food on the Move. She also mentioned an ongoing collaboration with Kansas State Extension and the launch of a produce prescription program in Stillwater.

C. BOCC Appointee Report

Appointment Recommendations

Amy Smith provided the BOCC appointee report with updates on appointments and re-appointments, including the need for a new appointee for the Tulsa County Juvenile Justice Trust Authority. Norris Scott, is interested in being reappointed to the Authority. Commissioner Sims is next in rotation to be appointed to the authority when Commissioner Sallee's term expires September 29, 2025. Tulsa County Park Board, Commissioner Sallee is working on filling a vacancy left by Ruth Harrison's resignation. W.H. Helmick IV is recommended for reappointment to the Library Commission. Commissioner Sallee requests to move these recommendations to the BOCC agenda.

V. 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.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion made by None, seconded by None, to adjourn the meeting.

Upon roll call, Yes - None. No - None. Abstain - None. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lonnie Sims, Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk