

(Amended Agenda of meeting was posted outside of the Tulsa County Headquarters Building and on the Tulsa County website at [www.tulsacounty.org](http://www.tulsacounty.org) on September 9, 2025 at 4:30 pm)

MINUTES  
Thursday, September 11, 2025

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting Called to order by Commissioner Dunkerley at 8:30 am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Stan Sallee, Lonnie Sims and Kelly Dunkerley; others present: Chief Deputies Darren Gantz, Michael Craddock and Mark Vancuren. County Clerk Micheal Willis; Michael Neal, Kim Wiles, Katie Grigar, Katy McKenny; Matthew Spassov; Matthew Hancock; Alex Mills, Meghan Blackford; Ethan Hutchins; Zach Stoycoff; Kathy Burrows; Robert Harmon; Dan Peace; Alan Vanderburg; Ronny Walker; Nathan Krotzer; David Tackett; Teresa Tosh; Deborah Medley, Sherry Langston, and Amy Smith.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Update- Michael Neal, President & Chief Executive Officer Mike Neal and Kim Wilmes highlighted the success of the New York City trip, where development counselors and national PR firms were engaged to promote Tulsa. Emphasizing public-private partnerships, the speaker stressed the need for collaboration to tackle issues like public safety, homelessness, and housing. Upcoming events include the Small Business Awards, a visit to Salt Lake City, and the State of the City address. Katie Grigar reported strong growth in Tulsa's AI and tech sectors, fueled by Google's \$9 billion investment in the state. Local firms are producing infrastructure for AI centers, while international interest grows in Tulsa's aerospace industry. The Agile space engine testing facility at the airport was also noted as a key success. Renee McKenny discussed legislative efforts, including work on structurally deficient bridges and the ongoing OneVoice Task Force. The OneVoice Legislative Summit is set for November 5, with a call for input from regional partners.

B. Tulsa County Engineering- Alex Mills, Director of Engineering

1. Discussion District 4; Repaving and Bridge Work

Tulsa County officials provided a sobering update on ongoing infrastructure challenges, with Alex Mills detailing setbacks in the county's paving and bridge repair plans. The county's bridge crew remains largely in a reactionary mode due to a rising number of structural failures. Commissioner Dunkerley voiced concerns about this situation being worsened by years of limited preventive maintenance. Weather events and equipment issues have further delayed the 2023–2024 paving plan, prompting discussions about outsourcing pavement and asphalt overlay work. Alex Mills noted that applications have been submitted for rural and tribal funding to address structurally deficient bridges, though securing such funds remains a challenge. Dunkerley raised concerns about the ongoing lack of a proactive maintenance strategy and emphasized the need for long-term planning. It was acknowledged by all that there is a growing urgency to find creative solutions, including bidding out projects, to address the county's infrastructure needs amid tight resources.

C. Office of Government Efficiency and Transparency Update- David Tackett, Manager David Tackett shared recent accomplishments and ongoing challenges, noting issues with live streaming services and the need for updated equipment. The limitations of current software in the inspections department were also discussed, with potential new systems being considered to improve operational efficiency. The idea of introducing an expedite fee for faster inspections was raised, though clear policies would need to be established. Commissioner Sims emphasized the office's continued focus on developing its legislative agenda and the importance of remaining actively engaged in the legislative process.

D. Healthy Minds Policy Initiative- Zack Stoycoff, Executive Director of Healthy Minds  
Zack Stoycoff, outlined a data-driven plan to use opioid settlement funds to combat addiction in Tulsa County. Emphasizing the region's high rates of mental illness and substance abuse, the speaker highlighted the urgent need to expand access to treatment services. The growing complexity of addiction, often involving multiple substances, including the rising use of fentanyl and methamphetamine, was also discussed. Stoycoff stressed the importance of a comprehensive strategy that includes prevention, treatment, and long-term recovery services to effectively address the ongoing crisis.

E. Opioid Abatement Grant Update- Robert Harmon, Opioid Funds Grant Administrator  
Robert Harmon provided an update on the opioid abatement grant, expressing gratitude to Dr. Dial and Dr. Jones for their leadership in addressing the opioid crisis. The grant funding has been allocated to a range of initiatives, including sober living housing, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner programs, and alternative courts aimed at diverting individuals into treatment rather than incarceration. The Tulsa County Opioid Abatement Board and JusticeLink received funding to support integrated programs that connect housing, employment, and health services. Harmon noted that he secured an additional \$900,000 in opioid settlement funds from the state, which will support project management, the distribution of harm reduction kits, and school-based prevention efforts to educate the youth of Tulsa County children.

F. BOCC Appointee Report  
Amy Smith, reported that Commissioner Sims will be appointed to the Tulsa County Juvenile Justice Authority for the upcoming year.

**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 Lonnie Sims, seconded by Stan Sallee, to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 am. Upon roll call, Yes - Stan Sallee, Kelly Dunkerley, Lonnie Sims. No - None. Abstain - None. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lonnie Sims, Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk