



DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Commissioner



Happy Fall! The Tulsa State Fair has come and gone once again. What a great attraction for Tulsa County. We had over a million visitors to the 11-day fair. Expo Square didn't rest though, and the Arabian Nationals brought many more visitors to our community.

Our parks have also been busy with several great fall events. Chandler park hosted the grand re-opening of the lower level on October 7. It's a beautiful space that will be utilized for many future events. The following weekend, over 1,500 visitors enjoyed "The Haunted Hill Halloween" at Chandler park.

With the holiday season fast approaching, we have so much to be thankful for. I hope to see many of you at one of the wonderful upcoming community events.

*Sincerely,
Karen Keith, District 2 County Commissioner*

Tulsa State Fair Recap

We hope you enjoyed this year's Tulsa State Fair. Below are some of the stats:

- 1,075,000 estimated attendance
- 24,749 ride wristbands sold
- 10 performances
- 136 concession stands
- 437 vendor booths
- 711 employees worked 59,708 hours
- 120 animals born in birthing center
- 1,093 open competitive exhibit entries

Thank you for continuing to support this great attraction. Save the date for next year's event - September 26 through October 6, 2024.



Courthouse Feasibility Study

In 2022, Tulsa County commissioned a conditions assessment of the Tulsa County Courthouse. The report found the need for significant renovations to the Courthouse building. The total cost for these improvements is estimated at just over 73-million. Not included in the figure are soft costs, which usually include architecture fees, construction management fees, and temporary relocation or premium set-up expenses.



Tulsa County then contracted with Twenty20 Management, Inc., to conduct a judicial study of the courthouse. The purpose of the study was to define and establish the current and 20-year projected space and programmatic needs of the Tulsa County District Court and to propose scenarios for renovation, expansion, or replacement of the existing courthouse. The space needs analysis found the County will need an additional 102,484 square feet to adequately serve the growing population in twenty years. Several locations were examined as well as the possibility of adding on to the current structure, or building an annex across the street. The Commissioners are reviewing all options and will look at funding methods once a path is decided upon.

[Conditions Assessment .pdf](#)

[Space Needs Analysis .pdf](#)

[Location and Cost Analysis .pdf](#)

Tulsa - West Tulsa Levee Amendment Signing

The Honorable Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), was in Tulsa on October 19 to sign a Design Agreement Amendment for improvements to the Tulsa - West Tulsa Levee System.

Activities under the new agreement include geotechnical and civil survey investigation for the full length of the levee, the design of a filter berm, toe drain improvements, additional environmental investigations, and continued hydraulic modeling to refine the scope of the project.

\$137.4 million was allocated to the project in December of 2020 through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (DRSAA). Following completion of construction, the award will be reimbursed with 65% federal and 35% non-federal cost sharing.

The continued design of the project is the next step before construction begins to make crucial repairs and upgrades to the levee system.



Above L-R: Todd Kilpatrick, District 12 Levee Commissioner, Michael Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Colonel Timothy Hudson, US Army Corp of Engineers Tulsa District.

Below L-R: ASA Michael Connor and Chief Deputy Commissioner James Rea



Poll Workers Needed- Adopt a Precinct

The Tulsa Regional Chamber is heading the



"Adopt a Precinct" initiative to ensure all 251 polling stations in the County are adequately staffed.

The Election Board is experiencing a shortage of over 300 poll workers for upcoming elections. Poll Officials are paid and receive paid training.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Road Updates



Road improvements continue in District 2. 81st West Ave. is closed just south of Charles Page Blvd. until November 1 as two rail crossings and asphalt are being replaced.

If you have a pothole or road issue to report, please visit our online portal at

www2.tulsacounty.org/citizen-request/.

Out and About

In August, Commissioner Keith emceed the Metro Tulsa Hotel & Lodging Association awards ceremony at the Hard Rock Casino. She also hosted a luncheon for the District 2 Highway workers to thank them for the many extra hours put in on storm cleanup.

In September, she joined the other Tulsa County Commissioners for the Broken Arrow Chamber Advocacy breakfast.

And in October, Commissioner Keith, along with Attorney General Drummond, spoke at the 20 year celebration of the Skiatook Economic Development Authority and CrossTimbers Development.

Looking for a speaker at your next event?
Call 918-596-5016 for more information.





Calendar of Events

Date	Event
November 3 - 5	Fall Home Expo - Expo Square
November 3 - 13	Color Breed Congress - Expo Square
November 10 - 11am	Tulsa Veterans Day Parade
November 17- 19	An Affair of the Heart - Expo Square
November 22 - 26	USA BMX Grand Nationals - Expo Square
December 1 - 7pm	Sand Springs Christmas Parade
December 9 -11am	Tulsa Christmas Parade

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