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Tulsa County Purchases New Election Board Building

With a unanimous vote yesterday, Tulsa County Commissioners approved payment to finalize the purchase of the VGT building at 12000 East Skelly Drive. The 112,000 square foot facility will be the future home for the Tulsa County Election Board. Federal funding is being provided through American Rescue Plan Act allocation. The BOCC first approved purchasing the building last June for \$9.1 million.

“We’ve just outgrown the old facility,” stated District 1 Commissioner Stan Sallee. “We are pleased it qualified for federal ARPA dollars so that the burden doesn’t fall totally on Tulsa County taxpayers.”

The Election Board has occupied their current building at 555 North Denver Avenue, a former grocery store, since the mid 80’s. COVID brought an increase in absentee ballot voting, which required additional space to process. The voting population in Tulsa County has also grown significantly during that time. This larger and more secure facility will have extra room for training, storage, and administrative functions. The new building is also at a prime location near Interstate 44, Highway 169, and bus service.

As the building is currently occupied, a timeline for relocation is not immediately available. However, the building is already set up well for the Election Board’s needs and will not require extensive renovation. This transformational project will provide Tulsa County with a building that will deliver safer and more secure elections for years to come.

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