



DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

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Meet the New District 2 Team



District 2,

I want to take a moment to thank you all for your incredible support during the 2024 Tulsa County District 2 Commissioner election. This journey has been made possible by God's grace, the dedication of amazing friends, family, volunteers, and, of course, the trust of the wonderful people of Tulsa County District 2. I'm deeply grateful for this opportunity and excited to get to work—both as your commissioner and as the 2025 chairman of the Tulsa Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). I couldn't be more excited to be joined by a highly talented executive team:



Chief Deputy - Mark Vancuren follows the commissioner after a transformative six years in the Oklahoma State legislature addressing revenue shortfalls, building a record \$4 billion in savings, historic education reforms, and tax cuts. Deputy Vancuren brings 30 years of proven leadership as a State Championship coach, 30-year public educator and most recently Vice Chairman of the House Common Education Committee. "Mark's passion for public service and commitment to our community make him the perfect choice to help lead Tulsa County into the future."



Executive Assistant - Amy Smith completes the team and keeps everything on schedule. Amy brings an entrepreneurial spirit and energy as a former small business owner and director of member services for the Jenks Chamber of Commerce. Her secret superpower is her ability to guide others. One of her favorite hobbies, when not shuttling her boys to practice, is guiding tours at Tulsa Tours!

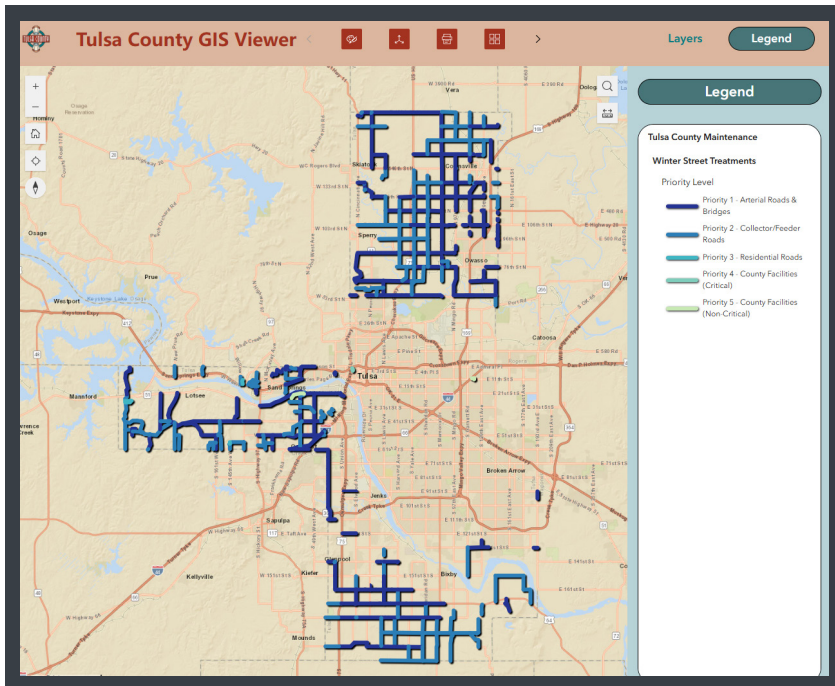
The D2 Team hit the ground running as the Chair for the BOCC. Now that funding has been secured, we are working with local, state and federal stakeholders to begin levee improvements. We are kicking off the 51st street milling and overlay project from Highway 97 to 97th West Ave. by the end of the month, and we are working towards establishing a new county office of efficiency and transparency. I can't thank you enough for the support and opportunity. We are excited for the work and progress ahead.

With gratitude,

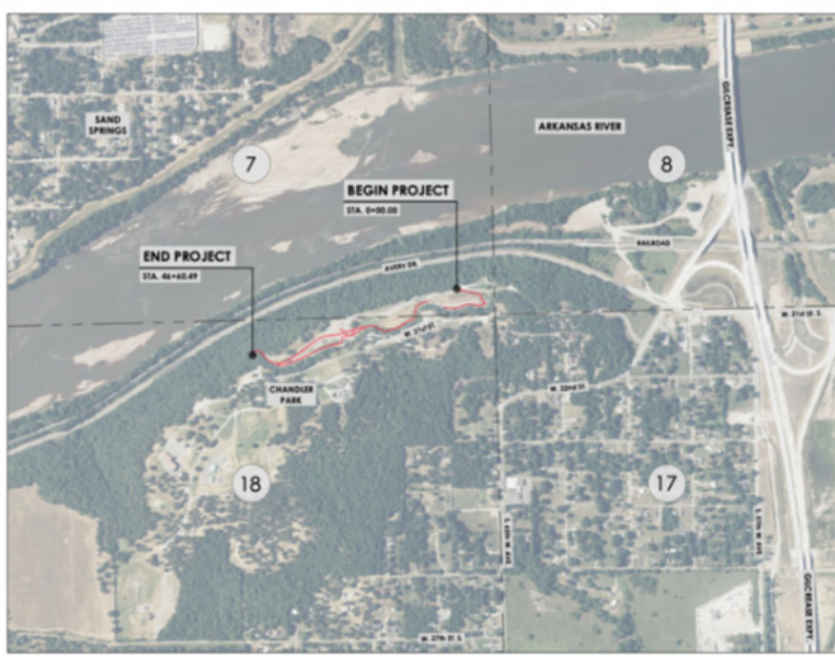
Lonnie Givins, District 2 County Commissioner

Plowing the Snow to Keep D2 on the Go!!

A HUGE thank you to our District 2 Maintenance Crews for their round the clock efforts during the second largest snow event in Tulsa County history. Superintendent Kenny O'Bryan and company got out in front of the storms with some smart scheduling and timely brine applications to plow the snow and get D2 back on the go. If you see them out and about, please tell them thank you.



DID YOU KNOW you can easily check road conditions, upcoming maintenance projects, and even snow clearing routes on our GIS website? Simply visit www.tulsacounty.org/gis to explore these features. You can customize the map by selecting or hiding different layers to see exactly what you need.



Chandler Park ADA Trail Construction Begins!!!

Staging is underway for the construction of the ADA-accessible trail on the lower level of Chandler Park. This project represents a significant step toward ensuring that our parks remain accessible for all members of the community.



Sims, Keith, and Cue Awarded "Partner of the Year"

The theme of the Tulsa Regional Chamber's 2025 Annual Meeting & Inauguration held on January 23rd was "Moving Forward"—a perfect reflection of the years of dedicated work by then-State Representative Lonnie Sims, District 2 County Commissioner Karen Keith, and Tulsa City Councilor Jeannie Cue to secure the funding for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Tulsa-West Tulsa Levee. The three were proudly honored together as the Government Affairs "Partners of the Year"!



Breakfast with the Commissioner

Commissioner Sims will continue hosting the "Breakfast with District 2" meetings in Sand Springs. These gatherings offer updates from county staff on Tulsa County developments and provide an opportunity to ask questions. Join us at the Crescent Cafe, located at 3417 South 113th West Ave., Sand Springs, at **7:30 AM** on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 28, 2025
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025
- Tuesday, March 25, 2025
- Tuesday, April 29, 2025
- Tuesday, May 20, 2025
- Tuesday, June 24, 2025
- Tuesday, July 29, 2025
- Tuesday, August 26, 2025
- Tuesday, September 30, 2025
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025
- Tuesday, November 25, 2025
- Tuesday, December 30, 2025



Out and About

Commissioner Sims and Chief Deputy Vancuren had a great time at the Chili Bowl Nationals. Sand Springs' own Hank Davis finished 12th overall. The Chili bowl brings in millions of dollars in tourism revenue each year.

Commissioner Sims braved the cold and proudly walked with the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office in Tulsa's 46th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.

The Jenks Chamber of Commerce held its State of Education luncheon on January 15. Jenks is leading the way with the "Bell to Bell - No Cell" phone policy requiring students to put away cellphones at the beginning of class.

The inclement weather couldn't stop the mighty District 2 maintenance crews. They worked nonstop to clear roadways during the January storms.

Commissioner Sims joined Commissioners Sallee and Dunkerley to celebrate the groundbreaking of the two new Legion Fields at O'Brien Park in District 1.

The Sand Springs Chamber of Commerce and Webco Industries welcomed area elected officials and business leaders to the new leadership campus. Webco CEO, Dana Weber, always the gracious host, pictured with Commissioner Sims, Clerk Willis and Treasurer Fothergill.

Deputy Vancuren joined the Commissioner for coffee with members attending the Webco event.

Commissioner Sims and Chief Deputy Vancuren toured the Courthouse for an overview of upcoming improvements. They met with Presiding Judge Dawn Moody to discuss court needs and concerns. Repairs are starting this week!

We hope to see you out and about soon! Call our office with any questions or speaker requests at 918-596-5016.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event
January 27 - February 2	Tulsa Boat, Sport & Travel Show- SageNet Center
February 13 - 15	American Contender Tournament - Ford Truck Arena
February 14 - 16	Darryl Starbird's Rod & Custom Car Show - SageNet Center
February 14 - 16	Vintage Tulsa Show - Exchange Center
February 19 - 10am to 6pm	Tulsa County Job Fair - Exchange Center
February 27 - March 2	Akdar Shrine Circus - Pavilion
March 4 - 9	OKRHA Ride & Slide - Livestock Complex
March 6 - 9	Greater Tulsa Home & Garden Show - SageNet Center
March 14 - 16	American Kennel Club National Agility Championship - Expo Square
March 15 & 16	RK Gun Shows - Exchange Center
March 20 - 22	First Robotics - Green Country Regional - Pavilion