

MINUTES  
Friday, June 17, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met at the hour of 1:30 p.m., with the following members present: Interim Commissioner Vicki Adams, Chief Deputy Michael Craddock representing Commissioner Stan Sallee and Commissioner Karen Keith.. Others present: Joseph Kralicek, TAEMA Director, Keri Fothergill, Chief Deputy, Lacie Jones, Meshek & Associates, LLC, Barbara Jackson and Christa Stinnett, Recording Clerk.

Karen Keith, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and the following business was transacted:

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing - Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency (TAEMA) - to receive public comment on the application for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds awarded by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for recovery from the Oklahoma severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding (DR 4438) event which occurred from May 7, 2019, through June 9, 2019, affecting Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and 26 other counties. The funds will be used for eligible activities of voluntary acquisition and demolition of flood-impacted and at-risk properties in Tulsa County. The objective of this application is to primarily benefit low to moderate income residents and to reduce future damage to properties at risk of flooding. Priority will be given to properties located within the 100-year floodplain followed by those in the Disaster Risk Reduction areas

Motion made by Michael Craddock, seconded by Vicki Adams, to enter into public hearing at 1:30 p.m. Upon roll call, Yes - Vicki Adams, Michael Craddock, Karen Keith. No - None. Abstain - None. Motion carried.

Barbara Jackson had questions regarding value amounts placed on the properties.

Lacie Jones with Meshek & Associates, LLC gave a presentation regarding Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to be used for eligible activities of voluntary acquisition and demolition of flood-impacted and at-risk properties in Tulsa County.

Motion made by Vicki Adams, seconded by Michael Craddock, to close the public hearing at 1:54 p.m. Upon roll call, Yes - Vicki Adams, Michael Craddock, Karen Keith. No - None. Abstain - None. Motion carried.

1. Brief Overview of Disaster Event (DR4438) & CDBG-DR funding \$36,353,000
  - a. Adoption of Citizen Participation Plan (Attachment B)
    - 1) Amount of Funding Requested: \$14,750,000
    - 2) Eligible Activities: Voluntary Buyout including acquisition, demolition, relocation, and housing incentive as applicable and eligible to applicants
    - 3) Beneficiaries: All disaster impacted property owners within the Voluntary Buyout Target and Disaster Risk Reduction Areas are eligible to apply. The program will prioritize Low- and Moderate-Income owners, with some awards to urgent need beneficiaries as funds remain

available. The County anticipates being able to fund approximal 50-60 voluntary acquisitions with this program

- 4) Displacement plans: While this program is voluntary for owners to participate, any renter displacement caused by this program is subject to compliance with The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA). Tulsa County will follow the URA policies to ensure all renters receive all eligible benefits
- 5) Technical Assistance: Tulsa County will provide technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that may request assistance in developing applications to this program. Technical assistance may include but is not limited to: application and form completion assistance, HUD certified housing counselling, eligibility and duplication of benefits assistance (Clerk's Misc. File No. 20221113)

2. Tulsa County Comprehensive CDBG-DR Statement of Needs:

Tulsa County is part of HUD's Most Impacted and Distressed Area. A total of 1,301 dwelling structures were damaged. Of these 1,301 structures, 48% (Total of 634) flooded with an average water depth of 18.6 inches (1.5 feet). Of all the structures that flooded, 69% did not have flood insurance. Tulsa County took multiple steps in estimating the unmet housing needs as a result of May 2019 flooding along the Arkansas River. This includes conducting inspections of damaged homes; analyzing FEMA Individual Assistance data, and NFIP insurance information; initiating county-led planning efforts; and estimating the repair or replacement cost of residential and commercial structures. The County was proactive in initiating outreach with the most impacted communities to determine the total cost of restoring our county and communities. As of May 2022, the disaster case management efforts of the State of Oklahoma, Tulsa County Unmet Needs Committee, and Voluntary Organizations in Disasters, were stood down. Remaining residential unmet needs include:

- properties that were substantially damaged and unable to rebuild without coming into compliance with current floodplain management standards;
- properties left abandoned due to inability of the property owner to afford repair;
- properties remaining occupied but not recovered;
- properties sold and rehabilitated by new owner

Much of the remaining impacts are because of the lack of insurance at the time of impact, and lack of financial assistance from FEMA. While many received FEMA Individual Assistance (IA), it was not enough to fully recover and in some instances was not enough to recover at all, and these needs remain unmet

3. Adoption of Resolution (Attachment A) (Clerk's Misc. File No. 202211114)

Motion made by Michael Craddock, seconded by Vicki Adams, to approve and authorize execution by the Chairman. Upon roll call, Yes - Vicki Adams, Michael Craddock, Karen Keith. No - None. Abstain - None. Motion carried.

III. 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.

There was no new business.

IV. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vicki Adams, seconded by Michael Craddock, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Yes - Vicki Adams, Michael Craddock, Karen Keith. No - None. Abstain - None. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Keith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael Willis, Tulsa County Clerk