



Memo

Cherokee Nation
Office of the Secretary of State
Shella Bowlin

To: Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr.
From: Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
CC: Speaker Mike Shambaugh
Date: May 6, 2024

**MEMORANDUM ON ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
SPECIAL ELECTION**

The purpose of this memo is to provide a cost estimate relating to the Constitutional Convention that includes the: June 15, 2024, Special Election, Constitutional Convention, including five in person field meetings and Constitutional Amendment Ratification.

As required by the Cherokee Nation's constitution the convention question must be submitted to the citizens of the Cherokee Nation at least once every 20 years, at a general or special election. On March 11, 2024 the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council approved a special election to offer voters, via a referendum, an opportunity to approve or reject a convention.

The estimate for the special election, constitutional convention and post-convention cost estimate is listed below for your review.

1. Estimated total cost of June 15, 2024, constitutional convention special election - \$200,000
2. Estimated total cost of constitutional convention and five field events - \$614,531
3. Estimated total cost of post-convention special election - \$200,000

The estimated total cost is \$1,014,531.

After review, please provide any feedback and guidance for next steps in order to proceed.

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Shella Bowlin
Cherokee Nation Secretary of State

Any questions regarding this memo can be directed to the Office of the Principal Chief by email to Secretary of State Shella Bowlin, shella-bowlin@cherokee.org.