



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

4:00 P.M.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the January 23rd Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Precinct Polling Locations for the 2023 Election Period
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding Press Releases
- IX. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

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February 3, 2023 by 4:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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Regular Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023

I. Call to order

- The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 4:00 P.M.

II. Roll call

- Election Commission Secretary Shawna Calico called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson
Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson
Shawna Calico – Secretary/Treasurer
Randy Campbell – Commissioner
Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

- Office staff present was: Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell
- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.
- Election Commission Investigator Nick Goodwin was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the January 23rd Special Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the minutes of the January 23rd Special Meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- Marcus Fears gave a report which included updates on the increase in calls, emails, faxes and in person traffic. He gave an update on the new employee. He stated that he had all but 3 of the background checks in for the potential candidates and ready to be reviewed by the Commissioners.
Discussion/reminders were given of the upcoming deadlines for the election period. He also asked if everyone had or needed help finding workers for the absentee process. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**



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V. Election Director's Report

- Connie Parnell updated the commission on contract workers, assembling challenge ballot packets, locating polling places that have to be changed. Working with CSA on new streets/extensions of streets and that district maps are available on their website. She also stated that the next press releases are ready to be approved. Connie stated that she would like to insert another card into the absentee ballot packet encouraging voters to return the Absentee Ballots as soon as possible in order for them to be received here on time. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 2)**

VI. Attorney's Report

- None

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. Current Items

- Consideration and possible action regarding approval of Precinct Polling Locations for the 2023 Election Period. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Precinct Polling Places. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action regarding Press Releases. . Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Press Releases. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IX. Executive Session

- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to enter Executive Session at 4:20. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to exit Executive Session at 5:30. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

X. Action from Executive Session

- None

XI. Announcements

- None

XII. Adjourn



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- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to adjourn at 5:31. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer



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February 14, 2023 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator
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I. OFFICE:

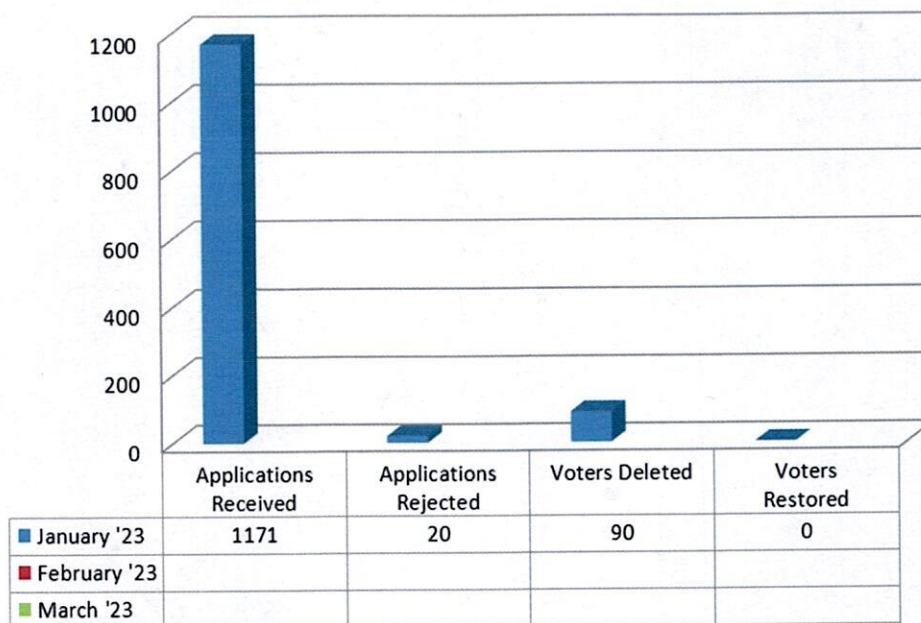
The office staff has been doing a great job keeping up with the increase in calls, emails, faxes and in person traffic this month. Everyone is pitching in to get Alli up to speed on how to answer calls and do data entry. She is a very fast learner and doing a great job. Candidate Filing Packets are needing to be reviewed by the Commissioners. I have all but 3 of the background checks back. They are printed and in with the filing packets. The Candidate Contest of Eligibility deadline is Thursday the 16th and our Certification Deadline is Feb 27th. I have had one question about filing a challenge, but haven't heard on who it might be. Rick had asked and I didn't know for sure so we thought we would ask who has their 4 workers that will be stuffing absentee ballots? Who still may need help finding someone?

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 02/02/2023

75,111 Total Registered Voters; **42,570** In-District; **32,541** At-Large

Total Applications: 1,171; 757-Voter Registrations & 414-Absentee Requests

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

FY23 is on track.

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 1 Hulbert	Hulbert	1,218
	Okay	282
	Tahlequah (1)	1,520
Total for District		3,020
Dist No. 2 Tahlequah	Briggs	283
	Lowrey	260
	Tahlequah (2)	2,461
Total for District		3,004
Dist No. 3 Tenkiller	Keys	933
	Tahlequah (3)	1,757
Total for District		2,690
Dist No. 4 Three Rivers	Ft. Gibson	1,056
	Muskogee	568
	Warner	743
Total for District		2,367
Dist No. 5 Redbird	Gore	400
	Sallisaw (5)	619
	Vian	1,178
Total for District		2,197
Dist No. 6 Sequoyah	Belfonte	119
	Marble City	164
	Muldrow	1,606
	Sallisaw (6)	1,603
Total for District		3,492
Dist No. 7 Flint	Cave Springs	291
	Chewey	102
	Stilwell (7)	2,541
	Westville (7)	684
Total for District		3,618
Dist No. 8 Goingsnake	Bell	262
	Stilwell (8)	1,041
	Westville (8)	471
Total for District		1,774
Dist No. 9 Saline	Jay (9)	703
	Kansas	1,417

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 9 Saline	Kenwood	179
	Salina (9)	532
	Total for District	2,831
Dist No. 10 Delaware	Afton	601
	Grove	738
	Jay (10)	863
	Pryor (10)	536
	Salina (10)	200
	Spavinaw	181
	Total for District	3,119
Dist No. 11 Cooweescoowee - North	S. Coffeyville	498
	Vinita	1,867
	Welch	140
	Total for District	2,505
Dist No. 12 Cooweescoowee - West	Bartlesville	1,764
	Nowata	699
	Total for District	2,463
Dist No. 13 Gadusi	Catoosa	363
	Collinsville	980
	Tulsa	1,878
	Total for District	3,221
Dist No. 14 Cooweescoowee - Central	Chelsea	548
	Claremore (14)	2,535
	Oologah	438
	Total for District	3,521
Dist No. 15 Cooweescoowee - South	Claremore (15)	866
	Locust Grove	901
	Pryor (15)	931
	Salina (15)	50
	Total for District	2,748
At Large	At Large	32,541
Total for District		32,541
Grand Total		75,111

2023 January Directors Report:

Here we go into the election preparation,

Working on contract workers, assembling packets for the challenged ballots, location polling places that we have to replace with new locations due to things already scheduled, or prohibiting the use due to other reasons like already booked.

Training the new worker on voter registration data entry and absentee data entry. This is going well.

Working with CSA on new streets or extensions of streets. This is also going well this is in preparations to the upcoming redistricting after the election cycle in 2023.

CSA has also be working on our district maps being available on their website. And they are there no as of the 6th of February. Anyone can go in and look at all of our district maps. If they want to purchase larger maps they can through the CSA office.

Press releases are ready for the release of the polling places, once approved by the commissioners.

After checking mail and postages dates of turnaround time. We will be informing the voters in the press releases about the return of their absentees should be returned as soon as possible.

I would like to insert in the absentee packet asking the voter too properly vote their ballot, execute their affidavit, and put the absentee ballot back in the mail in order for it to be received here on time to be counted.

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2023 Election Cycle Polling Places

District 1

Tahlequah
Hulbert
Okay

Sequoyah High School Cafeteria
Hulbert Cherokee Community Bldg.
Okay Sr. Citizens Center

District 2

Tahlequah
Lowrey
Briggs

Sequoyah High School Cafeteria
Lowrey NCCBC Community Bldg.
Tri-Community (WEB) Association

District 3

Tahlequah
Keys

Sequoyah High School Cafeteria
Keys Community Building

District 4

Fort Gibson
Warner
Muskogee

Fort Gibson Community Building
Warner School Event Center
Muskogee Grace Bible Church

District 5

Sallisaw
Vian
Gore

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Vian School BJ Traw Gym
Gore Police & Fire Department

District 6

Sallisaw
Belfonte
Marble City
Muldrow

Sallisaw United Methodist Church
Sallie Byrd Sevenstar Community Bldg.
Town Hall of Marble City
Muldrow High School Cafeteria

District 7

Stilwell
Westville
Cave Springs
Chewey

Maryetta Eagleton Activity Bldg.
Westville School Cafeteria
Lyons Switch Community Association
NOAC Chewey Community Building

District 8

Stilwell
Westville
Bell

Maryetta Eagleton Activity Bldg.
Westville School Cafeteria
Bell Public School

District 9

Jay
Kansas
Kenwood
Salina

First Assembly of God Church
Kansas High School Dome
Kenwood School Cafeteria
Lakeview Baptist Church

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District 10

Salina	Lakeview Baptist Church
Jay	First Assembly of God Church
Grove	First United Methodist Church
Afton	Afton Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Spavinaw	Spavinaw City Hall
Pryor	Graham Community Center

District 11

South Coffeyville	South Coffeyville Community Building
Vinita	Vinita Health Clinic
Welch	Welch Civic Auditorium Center

District 12

Nowata	NO WE TA Community Center
Bartlesville	Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation Keeler Heights

District 13

Tulsa	Owasso Faith Lutheran Church
Catoosa	Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Collinsville	City of Collinsville City Hall

District 14

Claremore	Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
Chelsea	Chelsea Boys & Girls Club
Oologah	Oologah Assembly of God Church

District 15

Claremore	Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation Claremore
Salina	Lakeview Baptist Church
Locust Grove	Cherokee Elder Rainbow House
Pryor	Graham Community Center

We the Commissioners of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission do hereby approve the Precinct Polling Locations for the 2023 Election Cycle.

Chairperson Rick Doherty

Vice Chairperson Pam Sellers

Secretary Shawna Calico

Member Randy Campbell

Member Elizabeth Ballew

FOR RELEASE March 2023

Precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023 for the Cherokee Nation General Election. Cherokee Nation Election Commission offered voters some tips on how to make their vote count; a valid marking, a filled-in box, as shown on posters at the precinct and inside the voting booths. If a voter makes mistakes marking their ballot, the voter should not try to correct those errors. Instead, the voter should follow the spoiled ballot procedure. The precinct official will issue a new ballot to the voter.

Voters are urged to take their voter identification cards with them to the polls. Your voter identification card can help Precinct Officials find your name in the Precinct Signature Book, and it may also help them resolve the problem if you are not listed in the Precinct Signature Book.

Voters whose names are not found in the Precinct Signature Book or a voter who disagrees with the information shown in the Signature Book may cast a Challenged ballot. A Challenged ballot is sealed in a special envelope and counted after the Challenged Ballots are returned to the CNEC office if the voter's information can be verified by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission.

Anyone who is eligible and in line at the precinct at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023 will be entitled to vote.

If your precinct has changed the information of the location is printed on the Voter ID card you will receive in April 2023. If you think your precinct has changed and you did not receive a new voter registration card, you may contact the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, 918-458-5899 or 1-800-353-2895 to verify your current precinct location.

Below is a list of the precincts and their location.

District 1

Tahlequah 1 Sequoyah High School Cafeteria

17091 S Muskogee Ave Tahlequah, OK 74464

Hulbert 1 Hulbert Cherokee Community Center

405 S Rogers Ave Hulbert, Ok 74441

Okay 1 SR Citizen Center

3701 E 75 St N Okay, Ok 74446

District 2

Tahlequah 2 Sequoyah High School Cafeteria

17091 S Muskogee Ave Tahlequah, OK 74464

Briggs 2 Tri-Community (W.E.B.) Association

17914 S 580 Rd Tahlequah, OK 74464

Lowrey 2 North Cherokee County Booster Club NCCBC

5267 Hwy 82A Tahlequah, OK 74464

District 3

Tahlequah 3 Sequoyah High School Cafeteria

17091 S Muskogee Ave Tahlequah, OK 74464

Keys 3 Keys Community Bldg

19083 E 840 Rd Park Hill, OK 74451

District 4

Fort Gibson 4 Community Building

200 W Poplar St Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Muskogee 4 Grace Bible Church

4321 E Hancock St Muskogee, Ok 74403

Warner Public School 4 (Event Center)

1012 5th Ave Warner, Ok 74469

District 5

Gore 5 Gore Police and Fire Station

1201 N Main Gore, Ok 74435

Sallisaw 5 Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

2260 W Cherokee Sallisaw, Ok 74955

Vian Public School 5 (BJ Traw Gym)

203 W Hunter Vian, Ok 74962

District 6

Sallisaw 6 United Methodist Church

2100 McGee Dr. Sallisaw, Ok 74955

Belfonte 6 Sallie Byrd Sevenstar

474894 State Hwy 101 Muldrow, OK 74948

Marble City 6 Town of Marble City Hall

120A N Main Marble City, OK 74945

Muldrow 6 Muldrow High School Cafeteria

715 W Shawntel Smith Blvd Muldrow, OK 74948

District 7

Stilwell 7 Maryetta Eagleton Activity Bldg.

470819 E 810 Rd Stilwell, Ok 74960

Westville 7 Westville School (Cafeteria)

500 W Chincapin Westville, OK 74965

Cave Springs 7 Lyons Switch Community Association

463101 E 914 Rd Bunch, OK 74931

Chewey 7 NOAC Chewey Community Building

64741 S 4645 Rd Watts, OK 74964

District 8

Stilwell 8 Maryetta Eagleton Activity Bldg.

470819 E 810 Rd Stilwell, Ok 74960

Westville 8 Westville School (Cafeteria)

500 W Chincapin Westville, OK 74965

Bell 8 Bell Public School

Stilwell, OK 74960

District 9

Jay 9 Jay First Assembly of God Church

908 N Main St Jay, Ok 74346

Kenwood 9 Kenwood School (Cafeteria)

48625 S 502 Rd Salina, OK 74365

Salina 9 Lakeview Baptist Church

306 S Owen Walters Blvd Salina, Ok 74365

Kansas 9 Kansas School Dome Bldg.

700 N Woods Ave Kansas, Ok 74347

District 10

Jay 10 Jay First Assembly of God Church

908 N Main St Jay, Ok 74346

Salina 10 Lakeview Baptist Church

306 S Owen Walters Blvd Salina, Ok 74365

Afton 10 Afton Trinity Baptist Church

108 S Elm ST Afton, Ok 74331

Grove 10 Grove United Methodist Church

1005 Leisure Rd Grove, Ok 74344

Spavinaw 10 Spavinaw City Hall

119 S Main Spavinaw, OK 74366

Pryor 10 Graham Community Building

6 N Adair Pryor, Ok 74361

District 11

Vinita 11 Vinita Health Clinic

27371 S 4410 Rd Vinita, Ok 74301

Welch 11 Welch Civic Auditorium

610 S Curtis St Welch, Ok 74369

So Coffeyville 11 Native American Fellowship Inc.

215 Oklahoma St So Coffeyville, OK 74072

District 12

Nowata 12 NO WE TA CN Community Center

1020 Lenape Dr. Nowata, Ok 74048

Bartlesville 12 Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

Keeler Heights

1003 S Virginia Ave Bartlesville, OK 74003

District 13

Tulsa 13 Owasso Faith Lutheran Church

9222 N Garnett Rd Owasso, Ok 74055

Catoosa 13 Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation Complex

310 Chief Stand Waite Dr. Catoosa, Ok 74015

Collinsville 13 City Hall

903 W Main Collinsville Ok, 74021

District 14

Claremore 14 Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

23205 S Hwy 66 Claremore, OK 74017

Chelsea 14 Boys & Girls Club

119 N Ash St Chelsea, OK

Oologah 14 Oologah Assembly of God Church

13462 S 169 Hwy Oologah, Ok 74053

District 15

Locust Grove 15 Cherokee Elder Rainbow House

101 Market Pl Locust Grove, Ok 74352

Pryor 15 Graham Community Building

6 N Adair Pryor, Ok 74361

Salina 15 Lakeview Baptist Church

306 S Owen Walters Blvd Salina, Ok 74365

Claremore 15 Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

23205 S Hwy 66 Claremore, OK 74017

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

☒ REGULAR MEETING

☐ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 2-14-23 at 4:01 PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers Present/Absent

Shawna Calico Present/Absent

Randy Campbell Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present/Absent

Quorum Established: YES / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☒

CNEC Investigator: Nick Goodwin ☒

Staff Present: ☒ Marcus Fears, ☒ Connie Parnell, ☐ Kendal Bishop, ☐ Charlene Keys

Visitors:

Chad Hunter

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Regular Meeting Sign-in Sheet

February 14, 2023

Print Name	Signature
Chad Hunt	