



Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 4:30 PM

Commission Present: Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Doublehead, and Commissioner Robinson (telephone)

Staff Present: Sharon Swepston, Shelia Sawney (telephone), Chelsea Fisher, Tammy Latta (telephone), and Fonda Gritts

Visitor Present: Paiten Qualls (telephone)

Roll Call: Fonda Gritts took roll

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 4:30 p.m. Quorum was established with Commissioner's Robinson (telephone) and Doublehead present.

The Commission began with agenda items #1 – Approval of Minutes- Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the regular Tax Commission minutes for June 24th meeting. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #2 - Approval of Special Emergency Minutes for July 1, 2020- Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve the Special Emergency Minutes. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #3 – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Extending the Smoke Shops Emergency Order - Sharon Swepston stated Emergency Order case number has changed to 20-09-09, will be extended to 12:00 A.M. October 31, 2020.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the extension of the Emergency Order effective until 12:00 A.M. October 31, 2020. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #4 – A Legislative Act Amending Title 68 of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated – Legislative Act amended Title 68 – we are taking out the registration fees from the Law and putting it in the Rules and Regulations. If anything would change it would be easier to change in the rules and regulations instead of the law. This will not change the law, just placing the fee in the rules and regulations. This is regarding both motor vehicles, boats and motors.

Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve the changes. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #5 – Rules and Regulations – Tammy stated the update on these Rules and Regulations are taken from the Legislative Act subsection number being replaced with the tax code Title 68 subsection number. This is with the exception of the Regulations MV: 01-2-235.2 –Assembled Vehicle- adding the language *“No attestation or confirmation of the roadworthiness of the vehicle is expressed or implied by the division’s approval.”*

Commissioner Robinson asked regarding MV: 01-1-103 it states it is under Title 67 Freedom of information and Rights Privacy §105. Tammy said this one is different because it is under confidentiality.

Commissioner Robinson asked regarding MV: 01-1-104 - (B) Proof of physical address within the Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction #2, #3, and #4. She wanted to know how people that live out of the jurisdiction are able to get tags and registration.

She ask if she could get a report regarding those three items. Sharon stated no, that information is scanned into each individual information. They are attachments and they are scanned into the scanning system. You would have to look into each individual information for the physical address, and three pieces of mail, which that information is confidential.

Commissioner Doublehead ask if the utility bill had to be in the registered owner's name. Sharon said yes, people will put someone that lives at that address and lives in the jurisdiction. And they will add their name on the title, as long as they are a tribal citizens that makes it legal. She said there is nothing that Tax Commission can do to say they can't let someone drive that vehicle. They also, will need to have an Oklahoma driver's license.

Commissioner Robinson asked regarding MV: 01-2-250-Foreign Vehicles- She asked why does it state Canada Only? Tammy said Cherokee Nation Tax Commission is not allowed to register vehicles over sea. Sharon said we do not have the ability to tag those vehicles. Those have to be registered with the State. Commission Robinson ask why we are not able to register those vehicles.

Paiten Qualls said she would research that question and get back with her on that question.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Agenda #6 – Monthly Reports- Motor Vehicle - Sharon updated the commission through June 2020 we had 1.79% increase. And 83.1% for the month of June was our first month to hit over two million in sales for one month. We did \$2,879,629.48 and this was compared to the \$1,572,030.72 from the year before.

July report was 3.64% year to date increase in motor vehicle. 16.31% increase.

Tobacco - the overall sales are down. But it is coming up a little the tobacco taxes and cigarette tax are still down. The retail sales is still down compared to what it was last year. It will probably stay that way the rest of this fiscal year. Hopefully it will start to turn around. The alcohol tax is down due to being closed for so long.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the monthly report. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #7- Consideration, discussion, and possible approval regarding any matter not known about or which could not have reasonably been foreseen prior to the time of posting. - N/A

Agenda #8 –Executive Session-Exit Executive Session – N/A

Other New Business –A release came out in the Phoenix September 8th regarding the tribe will do some renovations to the old Walmart building in Stilwell. They will be moving the programs that were down behind the courthouse in town to that building plus a PPE manufacturing plant. In the parking lot they are planning to build a drive through testing center. Once there is no need for that drive through testing center, they are planning to open a tag office in that area. Sharon has no detail on this right now.

Catoosa Tag Office ground breaking will be September 30, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

Public Comments – N/A

Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be December 9, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

Adjourn at 4:55 P.M.



Commissioner's Approval