

Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2021 10:00AM Steve Wilson, Tax Commissioner

Michael Doublehead, Tax Commissioner

Fan Robinson, Tax Commissioner

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

Staff Present: Sharon Swepston, Chelsea Fisher, Tammy Guinn (telephone), and Fonda Gritts

Visitors Present: Gregory Calvert-Attorney General Office

Roll Call: Chairman Wilson

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 10:00 a.m. Quorum was established with Commissioner's Robinson, and Doublehead present.

The Commission began with agenda items #1 – Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2021- Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #2 – MV: 01-4-404- Out of State Vehicle-Entering Cherokee Nation – This is for vehicles that are purchased out of state. There are a few states that issue the title in the purchaser name that is typically for electronic titles. We wrote this regulation for those states, so when we receive those titles and they are already in the customer's name they will need to pay taxes.

Commissioner Robinson ask when the regulation would be effective. Tammy stated it has to be posted for the public for 30 days.

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

Agenda #3 – Monthly Reports – Sharon stated on Motor Vehicle for year to date there was a 19.42% increase. On Retail Sales and Alcohol there was an increase for the month of September it was 34.88%. In October on the Revenue and Taxation the growth was 38.45% compared to October of last year. And the Motor Vehicle had a 5.12% growth compared to October of last year.

Sharon reported the construction on Catoosa has started. She is hoping this summer we will be opening that new office. We have started increasing staff, we have 5 agents and have room for 1 more. She is wanting to have 10 agents when we move into the new building. The new counter will have a different design. It will have handicap at each end of the counter, where the windows will drop down. Commissioner Robinson ask if there is a meeting space in the current tag office in Catoosa. Sharon state there is not meeting space. Commissioner ask if there was in the Stilwell building. Sharon hasn't seen that building yet so she isn't for sure what it has in it. She was told it is a small area. Commissioner Robinson suggest one of our meeting we should have it in one of the field offices.

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

Agenda #4 – 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.

Sharon stated there is one item that is adding a definition. Tammy stated Commissioner Robinson had requested from the September 15th meeting that a definition be added for the At Large jurisdiction and the Extended Jurisdiction to our definitions for MV 1-1-102. Tammy added the At Large definition, she took that from our compact. For the purpose of the Motor Vehicle Compact only which includes all of the State of Oklahoma. She also took the Extended Jurisdiction from the compact which means for the purpose for the Motor Vehicle Compact only. The area lies within the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation which includes all of Mayes, Muskogee, Rogers, Tulsa and Wagoner Counties. She added this to our Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Robinson ask if we needed to add the word "Reservation". Gregory Culvert stated the wording should match the compact. Sharon stated the compact expires in 2023, which it may change then. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the language. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #5 - Executive Session - none

Other New Business: Commissioner Doublehead ask Sharon if she knew if they were going to have the gathering of the former chiefs. She said they are not going to do the large gathering this year. Instead of having the all employee gathering, Administration is providing a lunch on different days and areas. They are doing the Sallisaw area today and the employees can go to the Redbird Clinic and pick up lunch that Charlies Chicken provided.

Commissioner Robinson was asking Sharon information about her reappointment coming up in February. Sharon gave her information on who will be contacting her and the meetings she will be attending.

She also, ask about the gathering for the schools checks in March. Sharon said there hasn't been any information on that.

Public Comments: - none

Adjournment: Chairman Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn at 10:20 A.M. Our next meeting will be on March 9, 2022.

Commissioner Approval