



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

August 11th, 2020

4:00 P.M.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the July 14th Regular Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business-None
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action regarding amending Commissioner's contracts
 - b. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Attorney's contract
- 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

POSTED
7-31-20 3:30 PM

July 31, 2020 by 4:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Shawna Calico

Posted by: _____

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 11, 2020
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Call to order/Roll call of Commissioners:

The meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Shawna Calico at 4:02 p.m.

Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for a motion to allow Commissioner Randy Campbell to attend by phone. Pam Sellers made the motion and was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Commissioner Rick Doherty called roll and a quorum was established with the following commissioners present:

Shawna Calico- Chairperson
Pamela Sellers- Vice-Chair
Rick Doherty- Secretary/Treasurer
Randy Campbell - Commissioner by phone
Elizabeth Ballew- Commissioner

Office staff present was Marcus Fears

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for approval and/or discussion of the minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the minutes. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Administrator's Report:

Marcus Fears gave the Administrator's Report which included updates on voter registration statistics and an update on Cherokee Nation staying in Phase 2 of re-opening due to increased cases of COVID-19. 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)**

Adjourn:

Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for a motion to allow a brief adjournment of the meeting to be sworn in for another term as an Election Commissioner. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve to adjourn at 4:24 p.m. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Pam Sellers made a motion at 4:36 p.m. seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to resume the meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Election Director's Report:

Connie Parnell, unable to attend due to restrictions provided by the Phase 2 guidelines of over 65/pre-existing conditions, provided a written report. A report was given on working from home and the tasks she has been able to complete while at home. 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**)

Attorney's Report:

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin reported that there was nothing new and no pending litigation.

Old Business:

There were no items under old business.

Current Items:

a.) Consideration and possible action regarding amending Commissioners contracts:

A motion was made by Randy Campbell for Shawna Calico's contract to be amended by \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

A motion was made by Randy Campbell for Pam Sellers contract to be amended by \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

b.) Consideration and possible action regarding amending Election Attorney's contract:

A motion was made by Pam Sellers for Harvey Chaffin's contract to be amended by \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Announcements:

There were no Announcements.

Adjourn:

Pam Sellers made a motion to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Rick Doherty, Secretary
August 12, 2020



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Attachment #1
~~July 14, 2020~~ **Administrators Report**
August 11
Marcus Fears Administrator
fears-marcus@cherokee.org

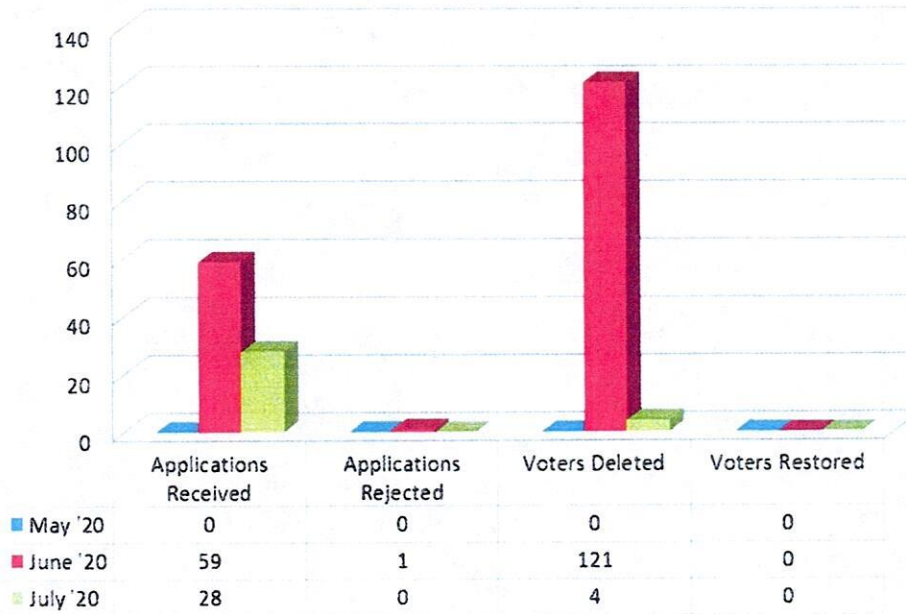
I. OFFICE:

The office is continuing in Phase 2 of re-opening through August.

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 08/03/2020

73,937 Total Registered Voters; **42,167** In-District; **31,770** At-Large

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. VOTER OUTREACH:

Due to COVID-19, all travel and Voter Outreach has been postponed until further notice.

IV. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

FY20 is on target.

District	Precinct	Voters
District No. 1	Hulbert	1,235
	Okay	299
	Tahlequah (1)	1,547
	Total for District	3,081
District No. 2	Briggs	236
	Lowrey	245
	Tahlequah (2)	2,426
	Total for District	2,907
District No. 3	Keys	949
	Tahlequah (3)	1,802
	Total for District	2,751
District No. 4	Ft. Gibson	1,079
	Muskogee	544
	Warner	729
	Total for District	2,352
District No. 5	Gore	331
	Sallisaw (5)	614
	Vian	1,146
	Total for District	2,091
District No. 6	Belfonte	119
	Marble City	172
	Muldrow	1,651
	Sallisaw (6)	1,652
	Total for District	3,594
District No. 7	Cave Springs	283
	Chewey	84
	Stilwell (7)	2,556
	Westville (7)	708
	Total for District	3,631
District No. 8	Bell	271
	Stilwell (8)	1,090
	Westville (8)	483
	Total for District	1,844
District No. 9	Jay (9)	678
	Kansas	1,303

Chronicle- Voter Registration by District and Precinct

8/3/2020 8:23 AM

District	Precinct	Voters
District No. 9	Kenwood	131
	Salina (9)	544
Total for District		2,656
District No. 10	Afton	609
	Grove	722
	Jay (10)	802
	Pryor (10)	547
	Salina (10)	200
	Spavinaw	166
Total for District		3,046
District No. 11	S. Coffeyville	468
	Vinita	1,785
	Welch	136
Total for District		2,389
District No. 12	Bartlesville	1,653
	Nowata	715
	Skiatook	131
Total for District		2,499
District No. 13	Catoosa	342
	Collinsville	960
	Tulsa	1,825
Total for District		3,127
District No. 14	Chelsea	565
	Claremore (14)	2,527
	Oologah	439
Total for District		3,531
District No. 15	Claremore (15)	855
	Locust Grove	880
	Pryor (15)	878
	Salina (15)	55
Total for District		2,668
At Large	At Large	31,770
Total for District		31,770
Grand Total		73,937

Marcus Fears

From: Connie Parnell
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Marcus Fears
Subject: July Directors Report

July 2020 Directors Report :

Good afternoon, working and reporting remotely has been a challenge but the work is going ok. The tasks we have been working on are always at hand and are going as smoothly as possible. Preparation for an election which may occur still in the Coved scare, but we will make it happen in a safe environment. We have looked at our absentee supplies and feel we have an ample supply to handle an increase in absentee requests, even if they all vote by absentee by mail or in person absentee. Now if Council changes anything we will still have time to make the necessary adjustments and additional printing if the changes require reprinting any part of the packet. We do have plenty of election supplies, the only thing we need to order are packet folders for training information. The other things are PPE shields, masks, hand sanitizers and cleaning spray to sanitize during election day for masks, booths, pens, around the voting device and for our workers area.

Working by phone, e-mail, text and once in a while popping in the office if only for a few minutes. This is a challenge that we will live through, it is an adjustment but I am looking forward to being able to work on my on computer and putting everything I have here on my hard drive remotely. Marcus and Kendal have been very brave and great to work with through this adjusted work pattern. Charlene is just so ready to come back but is being safe at home.

We have to be safe and adjust to our Cherokee Nation rules and regulations they are only thinking of us and what is the best for us. I am here at home so if you have anything that you need to ask me of or to do I can be reached at both numbers and email.

Just know that this office and its duties to have successful elections is my first priority, and always will be. It is great working with all of you.

Connie Parnell