



Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 9, 2021 4:30 PM

Commission Present: Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Doublehead, and Commissioner Robinson

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

Visitors Present: Paiten Qualls

Roll Call: Chairman Wilson

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

The Commission began with agenda items #1 – Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2020- Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #2 – Annual License Renewals for Tobacco Shops- Shelia stated the annual license for tobacco and retail sales is ready to be sign and be mailed out.

Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve the annual license for Tobacco and Retail Sales. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Agenda #3 – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Smoke Shop Emergency Order. Sharon stated this order relaxes the mask mandate for

each one of the smoke shops and leaves it up to the owner. She read the order to the commission. Commissioner Robinson ask Paiten Quall if they should include wording as a “*one time incentive award*”. Paiten agreed and suggest some changes to the wording in *6 (c) Employee Incentive*.

Cherokee Nation smoke shop owners shall be eligible for reimbursement from the Cherokee Nation, upon proof that the owner has paid a \$300.00 incentive award to any employee who provides proof to the owner that they have received the completed Covid -19 vaccine.

There was a brief discussion regarding the order. Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve the order with the changes. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #4- Updated Motor Vehicles Rules and Regulations – MV: 01-1-104 Documents Required for Registration. – Tammy stated on #2 *Current Utility bill* is adding clarification on what type of bill is required for this regulation.

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

Agenda #5 – Updated Motor Vehicles Rules and Regulations – MV: 01-2-205.1 Online Registration Renewal. - Tammy stated she added wording regarding the online renewals. The online renewals will be mailed out only. They cannot be picked up in the processing facility. (Tahlequah Tag Office)

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

Agenda #6 – Monthly Reports – Sharon reported that Year to Date as of April 2021, Motor Vehicle has an increase of 27.09%. Last year April 2020 it was low compared to this April it was 164.49%.

Revenue and Taxation- Year to Date as of April 2021, we are down 36.09%. Month of April it was an increase 203.01%, due to the Casino being closed in April of 2020.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the monthly reports. 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.

Commissioner Robinson ask Paiten if there was any information regarding McGirt case. Paiten stated there is no information as Tax Commission concern, they are working on criminal cases right now.

Commissioner Robinson ask if this is an issue with just the five tribes. Or is it an issue that includes the nine tribes in northeastern Oklahoma. Paiten said the reason McGirt affects the five tribes specifically it is all based on the legal land history, and the treaty rights. Most of those treaty rights were very similar to all the five tribes. She said she really didn't know the answer on how it will affect the rest of the tribes. More or less it's based on how that tribe's treaty reads. There was a brief discussion.

Agenda #8 – Executive Session

a. Exit Executive Session

Other New Business: None

Public Comments: None

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

Adjourn at 4:54PM

Next meeting will be September 8, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

Commission Approval