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**CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION
MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2025
11:00 AM**

COMMISSION PRESENT: Steve Wilson, Mike Doublehead, Fan Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Sharon Swepston, Chelsea Fisher, Caitlyn Bohanon, Donnay Leach, Shelia Sawney, Jessica Thompson

VISITORS PRESENT: Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
Paiten Qualls, Attorney General's Office
Savannah Francis, Attorney General's Office

ROLL CALL: Steve Wilson, Mike Doublehead, Fan Robinson. All Commissioners were present.

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am on December 10, 2025. Quorum was established with Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Doublehead and Commissioner Robinson.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of minutes for June 11, 2025

Donnay explains that the minutes from the June 2025 meeting were correct when approved during the September 2025 meeting but labeled incorrectly on the September agenda. Commissioner Robinson asks if it's the June 2025 minutes that will be voted on first. It is confirmed that June 2025 minutes will be voted on first.

Commissioner Robinson makes a motion to approve June 11th minutes.

Commissioner Doublehead seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of minutes for September 10, 2025

Commissioner Robinson makes a motion to approve.

Commissioner Doublehead seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Agenda Item #3: Application for New License

Sharon explains why the casinos are applying for new licenses. The vending machines which sold cigarettes were closed out, so the casinos wanted to sell the cigarettes behind the counters at the bars, so they must have a new license for each disbursement location. The option to vote on the licenses individually or as one is offered. Discussion



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is had and it is decided to vote on the licenses as one. Commissioner Doublehead asks Shelia if she recommends approval. Shelia confirms she does recommend approval for all.

Commissioner Robinson makes a motion to approve.

Commissioner Doublehead seconds the motion based on staff's recommendation for approval.

Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4: Update on Military Branch Tags

Secretary of State Bowlin states these are being reviewed by the rest of Administration and believes the outcome will be good and the possibility of a reply to the Commission could happen next week. A possible formal public announcement was also mentioned for the near future. Secretary of State Bowlin states everyone liked the options that were presented. Commissioner Robinson states when the announcement is to come, the commissioners would like to be notified of the location and time. Secretary of State Bowlin agrees and will follow up as soon as she receives confirmation of when and how that will happen. She believes a Veteran Christmas event is to happen next week but can only assume at this time.

Agenda Item #5: Monthly Reports

Sharon explains that she has presented two reports: one for September, the end of the fiscal year, and one for October. She explains the end of the fiscal year YTD is above with a little over 10%, and for YTD, almost 11% over compared to the year before. October has started good. Motor Vehicles is almost 21% above compared to October of last year. A previously mentioned concern about the State selling At-Large tags was brought up but sales do not seem to reflect this. For Revenue and Taxation, cigarettes continue to go down and decrease but there was enough of an increase in retail sales and alcohol, that there is still an 11.52% increase from the same time last October.

Commissioner Robinson asks about the regulations' language changes discussed from the September 2025 meeting. Paiten stated those were legislative changes and those had passed before the Council. She also states she will send a copy of those changes to Sharon to give to the Commissioners. Commissioner Robinson asks about the At-Large citizens outside of the reservation getting tags. Sharon stated those are being dealt with as they are received and any questions are being answered; she is also keeping Council up to date when they call her with situations like these. Commissioner Robinson asked about contacting someone from the State to resume regular meetings between Tax Commission and the State. Sharon stated that meetings have not started yet, but contact was made through an IT contact.



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

Agenda Item #6: 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 states there is none that she is aware of.

Agenda Item #7: Executive Session:

Sharon states there are no items for Executive Session.

Other New Business

None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Doublehead makes a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Next Commissioners' meeting will be March 11, 2026, at 4:30 pm.


Commissioner's approval