



Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING

Cherokee Nation Tax Commission
Conference Room
September 11, 2013
4:30 PM

Commissioners present – Chairman Hummingbird, and Commissioner Carter

Staff Present – Sharon Swepston, Andy Quetone, Karen Walls Shelia Sawney, Tammy Latta and Fonda Gritts

Visitors – none

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Quorum established with Chairman Hummingbird, and Commissioner Carter present.

The Commission began with agenda item #1 Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2013
Chairman Hummingbird made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda item - #2 & #3 Amending Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Code for New Compact- Amending Rules and Regulations for Motor Vehicle-Sharon stated the code is being amended due to the new motor vehicle compact. The changes are definitions of the jurisdiction. The new motor vehicle compact for the in jurisdiction now includes all of Tulsa, Muskogee, Wagoner, Rogers and Mayes counties.

Another item that has been amended has been the “assembled vehicles”. Cherokee Marshals prefer not to do VIN inspections. The language has been changed to state that Cherokee Nation Tax Commission does all VIN inspections.

Chairman Hummingbird made a motion to approve the code and rules and regulation changes subject to any changes the Attorney General may need to change. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda items# 4 – Lien Update- Karen Walls stated we will be updating our lien forms, we have been using a 4-part carbon lien forms which all information has to be typed on

the form. November 1st we will be changing over to online forms that can be printed out on Xerox paper. This will save on the expense of printers, ink, and printing cost. The 4-part lien form for printing is seventy two cents each, compared to printing the form off on the Xerox paper is half a cent per sheet of paper. Sharon stated if there are any changes that need to be corrected or added on the forms, we will bring it back to the commission.

Commission Carter made a motion to approve the lien updates subject to possible changes. Chairman Hummingbird seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda items# 5 – Subsidy Report- Andy Quetone gave the report of year to date \$638,906.60. June 2013 payment was a little higher than the other months \$75,613.90, due to Reality changed a lease. The increase has been covered. Sharon stated the subsidy will stop October 1st. It was passed based of the fiscal year or another tobacco compact whichever came first. As of now we do not have a new compact.

Agenda items #6 – Monthly Reports- Motor Vehicle year to date through July 2013 by 6.94% increase, and month of July an increase of 12.35 %.

Tobacco year to date through July 2013 has a 2.33% decrease, due to cigarettes and tobacco tax. Retail Sales is up a little 6.64%. Month to month is down 5.20%.

There was a brief discussion on the Tobacco compact negotiations.

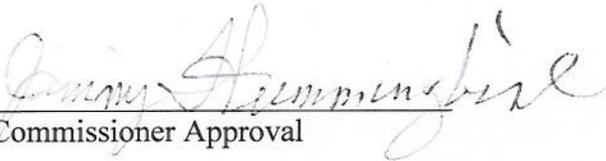
Agenda items #7 – Consideration, discussion, and possible approval regarding any matter not know about or which could not have reasonably been foreseen prior to the time of posting.- Sharon stated she included a copies of the two compacts. One is for the jurisdictional area. This one includes Muskogee, Tulsa, Wagoner, Rogers, and Mayes full counties will be included as the same jurisdiction and will be charged the same rates. That will go into effect November 1, 2013. We will be hiring additional staff and will be opening another office in the Tulsa/Catoosa area. According to our new compact we cannot open any offices outside our jurisdictional area.

The second compact is for the outside the jurisdictional area, which is the rest of the State of Oklahoma. This will be charged at the State level; we will be able to give a discount but will have to be determined by Tribal Council. Sharon will make a recommendation to the Council with the Commission's approval. She stated what she and the Attorney General have reviewed; a 10% discount is what we can allow for the Cherokee Nation to break even. We will receive the same fees as any other tag agent in the Oklahoma Tag Agent. The money will have to go into a joint account between Cherokee Nation and the State of Oklahoma. Reconciliation will be done between Cherokee Nation Tax Commission and the State and they will be able to move their money out and we will be able to move our money out. This is only on the at large compact. We will have to assume the states rate schedule. Sharon stated that she, our staff, some of our finance and Information Systems staff will meet with the state. To make sure everything that needs to be done can be accomplished. And it will take at least nine months to get everything finalized.

Sharon stated another subject she wanted to briefly discuss was the Veterans tags. We have considered some specialty tags for 10.00 to 11.00, the disable handicap tag would be no charge, and disable veterans will be 5.00.

Chairman Hummingbird made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn 5:23P.M.


Commissioner Approval