



# Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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## CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING

Cherokee Nation Tax Commission  
Conference Room  
June 12, 2013  
4:30 PM

*Commissioners present* – Chairman Hummingbird, Commissioners Wilson and Carter

*Staff Present* – Andy Quetone, Karen Walls Shelia Sawney and Fonda Gritts

*Visitors* – Sara Hill, Attorney General Office

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

*The Commission began with agenda item #1 Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2013*  
Commissioner Carter made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Agenda item - #2 North Lewis Smoke Shop Licensing* – Shelia Sawney is requesting to replace the temporary license that was approved for this smoke shop last meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>, with a regular license. She has received all documentation and has received approval from the BIA.

Chairman Hummingbird made a motion to approve the full license. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Agenda items - #3 & 4 Manufactured Home: Rules and Regulations /New Vehicles Purchased by Cherokee Residents*– Karen Walls stated the rules and regulations for the manufactured homes has been run through the public notice for 30 days. There were no comments made. She is requesting approval on the rules and regulations.

*Agenda item - #5 Veterans Sales Tax Exemption*- Andy Quetone had a veteran's tax exempt card to show the commissioners. Cherokee veterans will be able to apply for this card that will identify them as a Cherokee veteran. They will be able to present this card to any of Cherokee Nation licensed retailers. It will be good for non tobacco or non

alcohol items and gas. The veterans will be able to start using this card July of 2013. The card will have an expiration date on them and will need to be renewed each year. We have received 25 applications and 17 of the 25 are in Oklahoma. There was a brief discussion regarding the cards.

***Agenda item - #6 Smoke shop subsidy Payment Report-*** Andy Quetone stated he does not have a dollar figure for the commission on the pay out for the subsidy. He stated that one smoke shop is under review in the attorney general's office. There was a brief discussion on the subsidy for the shops owners.

***Agenda item - #7 Monthly Reports***

- Tobacco - Tobacco is down 2.44% from FY 12, Retail Sales is up 5.99%, Cigarette tax is down 7.11%, and Alcohol tax is up 4.86 %.
- Motor Vehicle- Motor vehicle is up 7.45% from FY12, boats are down 13.81% this is due to our three year registration.

The Collinsville office moved into their new office and began business June 3, 2013. They are scheduled to have open house Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a brief discussion.

No new business and no public comments.

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

Adjournment at 4:58

  
Commission Approval