CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

THE MEETING OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:04 PM ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

COMMISSION: SHAWNA CALICO, CHAIRPERSON
TERESA HART, VICE CHAIRPERSON
MARTHA CALICO, SECRETARY/TREASURER
PAM SELLERS, COMMISSIONER
CAROLYN ALLEN, COMMISSIONER

COMMISSION ATTORNEY: HARVEY CHAFFIN

COMMISSION STAFF: CONNIE PARNELL, BROOKE TILLISON, KENDAL BISHHOP

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY PAM SELLERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 9, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART_____YES
MARTHA CALICO___YES
SHAWNA CALICO___
CAROLYN ALLEN___YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY BROOKE TILLISON
A REPORT OF REGISTRATION STATISTICS FOR JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, 2016 WITH A TOTAL OF 66,291 REGISTRATION VOTERS WAS PRESENTED, ALONG WITH A LIST OF MEETINGS ATTENDED IN AUGUST. ATTACHMENT #1. THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WAS PRESENTED, ALONG WITH THE NEW FISCAL YEARS BUDGET. MS. TILLISON PRESENTED COPIES OF THE "WITHDRAWN INITIATIVE PETITION" AND THE NEWEST "INITIATIVE PETITION" PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 BY MELANIE FOURKILLER, TWILA PENNINGTON, AND CHERYL BROWN. ATTACHMENT #2.
MS. TILLISON PRESENTED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTRATED VOTERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016. MS. TILLISON STATED SHE GAVE MELANIE FOURKILLER A COPY OF THIS. ATTACHMENT #3
A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY TERESA HART TO APPROVE THE REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART_____YES

MARTHA CALICO___YES
SHAWNA CALICO___
CAROLYN ALLEN___YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

ELECTION SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT: CONNIE PARNELL PRESENTED THE ATTACHED REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2016. ATTACHMENT #4 MS. PARNELL ALSO PRESENTED A SAMPLE OF THE "MAIL OUT" AND "RETURN" LABEL FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BE MAILED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY TERESA HART TO APPROVE THE REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART_____YES
MARTHA CALICO___YES
SHAWNA CALICO___
CAROLYN ALLEN___YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: MR. CHAFFIN PRESENTED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INITIATIVE PETITION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY TERESA HART TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART_____YES
MARTHA CALICO____YES
SHAWNA CALICO____
CAROLYN ALLEN____YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE PRESS RELEASE AND BROCHURE. THE COMMISSION ASKED MS. TILLISON TO MAKE SOME MINOR CHANGES AND SHE AGREED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY TERESA HART TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART___YES
MARTHA CALICO___YES
SHAWNA CALICO___
CAROLYN ALLEN___YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

COPIES WERE PRESENTED FOR THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL STAFF. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY PAM SELLERS TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART____YES
MARTHA CALICO____YES
SHAWNA CALICO____
CAROLYN ALLEN____YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTHA CALICO AND SECONDED BY CAROLYN ALLEN TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:20 PM. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART____YES
MARTHA CALICO___YES
SHAWNA CALICO___
CAROLYN ALLEN___YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY PAM SELLERS TO RECONVENE THE OPEN MEETING AT 6:10 PM. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART____YES
MARTHA CALICO___YES
SHAWNA CALICO___
CAROLYN ALLEN___YES
PAM SELLERS_____YES

CHAIRPERSON, SHAWNA CALICO REPORTED:
A PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL FOR THE ELECTION SERVICES DIRECTOR WAS COMPLETED AND DISCUSSED WITH THE EMPLOYEE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY TERESA HART TO APPROVE THE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL. MOTION CARRIED.
TERESA HART____YES
MARTHA CALICO___YES
SHAWNA CALICO___
CAROLYN ALLEN___YES
PAM SELLERS____ABSTAINED

THERE BEING KNOW FURTHER BUSINESS CONDUCTED A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTHA CALICO TO ADJOURN AT 6:13 PM
MOTION CARRIED.

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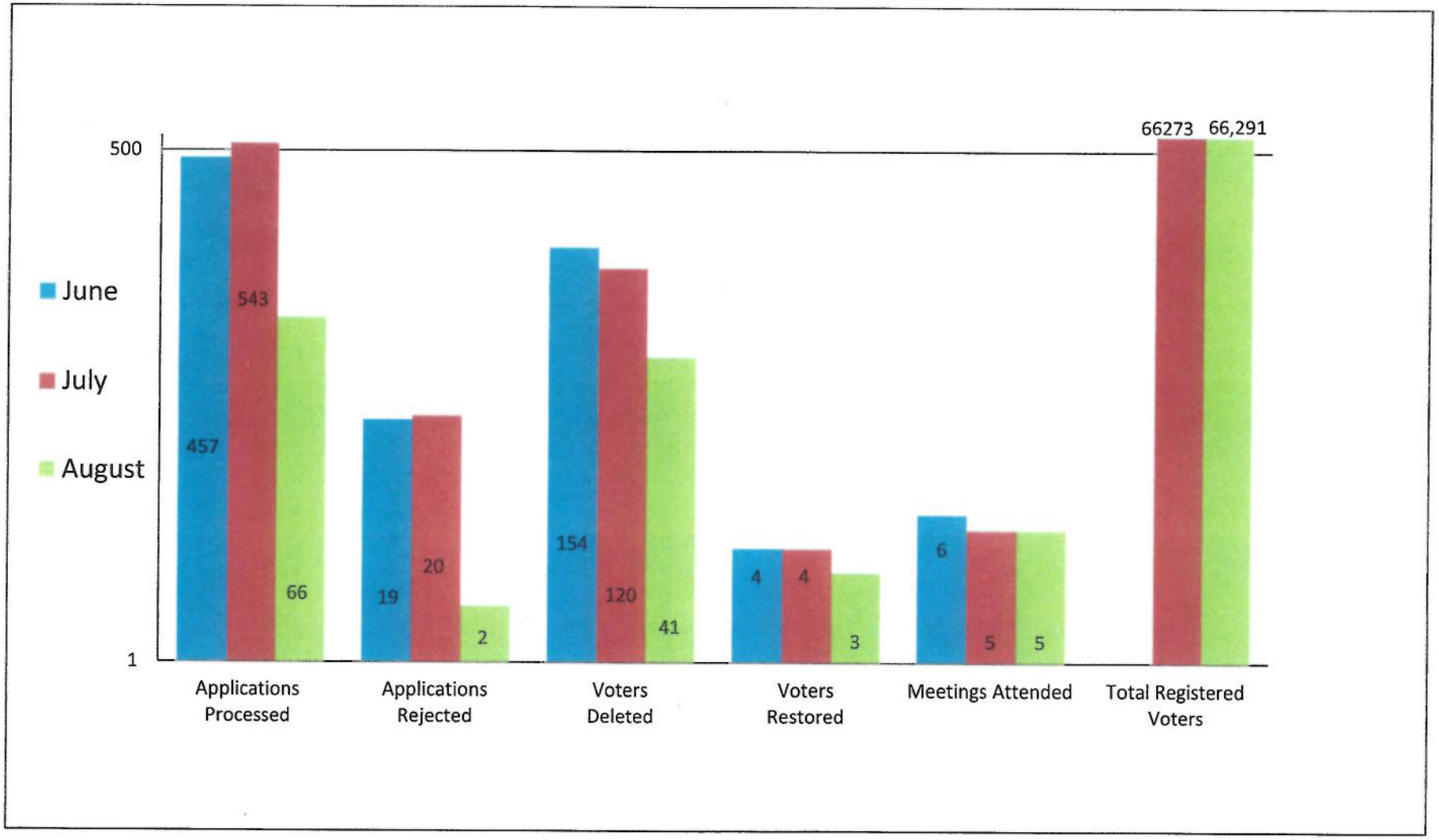
MARTHA CALICO, SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 2016 Report



Meetings Attended in August

1. Locust Grove Early Learning Center Voter Outreach
2. Jay Sam Hider Health Center Voter Outreach
3. Vinita Clinic Voter Outreach
4. Will Rogers Health Center Voter Outreach
5. Kenwood Community Meeting hosted by Curtis Snell

CHEROKEE NATION
SEP 12 2016
ELECTION COMMISSION FILED

September 12, 2016

Delivered Via: Hand Delivery

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
22116 S. Bald Hill Rd Tahlequah, OK 74464
P.O. Box 1188 Tahlequah, OK 74465

RE: Withdrawal of Initiative Petition

Dear Election Commission Administrator and Commissioners:

We, Twila Pennington and Melanie Fourkiller, respectfully withdraw the Initiative Petition filed with the Commission on August 31, 2016.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

TWILA PENNINGTON, C0122704
~~21212 W.~~ 898 Rd, Cookson, OK 74427

TIA SEVENSTAR
NOTARY PUBLIC
14010977
EXP. 12/04/18
IN AND FOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
CHEROKEE COUNTY

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MELANIE FOURKILLER, C0062518
31811 S. 530 Rd, P.O. Box 17, Cookson, OK 74427

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INITIATIVE PETITION PROPOSINGLAW TO PREVENT ELECTION FRAUD AND TO REGULATE NOTARY PUBLIC NOTARIZING AND CONTROLLING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

To the Cherokee Nation:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the Cherokee Nation, respectfully order that the following proposed law shall be submitted to the legal voters of the Cherokee Nation for their approval or rejection at the regular general election and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the Cherokee Nation; my physical residence, post office address, and voter identification number are correctly written after my name. The time for filing this petition expires ninety (90) days after original filing. The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: shall the following legislative act be enacted?

TWILA PENNINGTON, C0122704
12 W. 898 Rd, Cookson, OK 74427

MELANIE FOURKILLER, C0062518
31811 S. 530 Rd, P.O. Box 17, Cookson, OK 74427

ANA D. DAVIS NOTARY PUBLIC Comm. Exp 11/12/18 STATE OF OKLAHOMA CHEROKEE COUNTY COMM # 14011362

STATEMENT OF INITIATIVE

SHOULD THE FOLLOWING "ELECTION FRAUD PREVENTION ACT OF 2016" BE ENACTED BY CHEROKEE NATION CITIZENS?

Section 1. Title and Codification

This act shall be known as the "Election Fraud Prevention Act of 2016" and codified as Title 49, Chapter____, Sections _____ of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated. Any subsection found by the court to be invalid is separable and shall not render other subsections invalid.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to prevent election fraud in securing and voting absentee ballots, to ensure the casting of a ballot is confidential and secret, and to ensure the integrity of the voting process.

Section 3. Provisions of law.

A. Oklahoma state law regarding notary publics notarizing absentee ballots cast in Oklahoma is applicable to Cherokee Nation elections.

B. No person, including a notary public or an agent working on behalf of a notary public shall 1) Request absentee ballots on behalf of a voter other than himself or herself; or, 2) Receive an absentee ballot by mail on behalf of a voter, other than for himself or herself or a member of his or her household.

C. A notary public shall maintain a log of all absentee ballot affidavits that he or she notarizes for a period of at least two (2) years after the date of the election and submit the log to the Election Commission for public disclosure no later than the first Friday following the date of an election.

D. A notary public shall be authorized to notarize a maximum of twenty (20) absentee ballot affidavits for a single election.

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F. All absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter at his/her voter registration address or his/her designated address which must be disclosed by the Election Commission and must be returned by the voter via U.S. Mail or surrendered to the Election Commission in order to cast a ballot in person.

G. Any person, other than the subject voter and the Election Commission, who knowingly takes custody of another voter's absentee ballot(s) is guilty of a crime. Any person may bring a cause of action against a person who knowingly takes custody of another voter's absentee ballot(s), other than the subject voter and the Election Commission, in the District Court and recover $1,000 for each violation from the violator and attorney's fees.

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I. No person connected with a campaign may represent that he/she represents the Cherokee Nation. A violation of this provision is a crime.

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WARNING

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Should the proposed "Election Fraud Prevention Act of 2016" (appearing on backside of this page) imposing restrictions on persons and notary publics from improperly influencing absentee ballot voting be enacted by Cherokee Nation citizens in accordance with law regarding initiative petitions?

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I, _____, being first duly sworn, say: That I am a qualified elector of the Cherokee Nation and that I signed this sheet of the foregoing petition and each of them signed his/her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his/her name, post office address, physical residence and identification number correctly and that each signer is a legal voter of the Cherokee Nation and District as the case may be.

Twila Pennington — Signature of Affiant Circulating Petition

21212 W 898 Rd Cookson — Address and Phone Number of Affiant

21212 W 898R Cookson — Printed Name of Affiant

Dist 3 — Voting District of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to me this 31 of Aug., 2016.

Ana Davis — Signature and Title of Officer

Mail Mart one plaza south Tahlequah OK 74464 — Address of Officer

My Commission Expires: 11-12-18
#14010362

ANA D. DAVIS NOTARY PUBLIC Comm. Exp 11/12/18 STATE OF OKLAHOMA CHEROKEE COUNTY COMM # 14010362

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21212 W. 898 Rd. Cookson, OK 74427

MELANIE FOURKILLER, C0062518
31811 S. 530 Rd. P.O. Box 17, Cookson, OK 74427

Cheryl Brown
CHERYL BROWN, C0123295
10416 W. 123rd St S., Oktaha, OK 74450

Subscribed and sworn to me this 12 day of September, 2016.

Tia Seven Star
Signature and Title of Officer

Cherokee CO, Oklahoma
Address of Officer

TIA SEVEN STAR NOTARY PUBLIC # 14010977 EXP. 12/04/18 IN AND FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

My Commission Expires: 12/04/18

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Cherokee Nation)
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_____ _____
Signature of Affiant Circulating Petition Address and Phone Number of Affiant

_____ _____
Printed Name of Affiant Voting District of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to me this_____of_____, 2016.

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Signature and Title of Officer Address of Officer

My Commission Expires: _____

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Chronicle- Voter Registration by District

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District	Voters
District No. 1	2,850
District No. 2	2,908
District No. 3	2,417
District No. 4	2,234
District No. 5	1,797
District No. 6	3,179
District No. 7	3,517
District No. 8	1,490
District No. 9	2,666
District No. 10	2,836
District No. 11	2,252
District No. 12	2,275
District No. 13	3,020
District No. 14	3,120
District No. 15	2,573
At Large	27,270
Grand Total	**66,404**

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August 2016 report of the Election Director of the Election commission:

August was a busy month with the new facility of the Election Commission. We have worked together to get this facility finished for the move in date starting on the 19 of September.

Additional work that I have started is the Bad Address list of each District that is up for election during the 2017 election cycle I have started with Dist 2 and after going through just 4 pages I have identified 12 that are deceased. Now they can be removed from the system.

The total for District 2 report has:

711 people with bad addresses (total pages 19.5)

13 deceased (just in the first 4 pages)

This is a work in progress.

Packing the office has been an ongoing process, and will be ready to move on the 20th of September.

I did not attend any passport classes for the month of August. Plan to attend 1 class this month, with your approval. The class I would like to attend is "Professionalism in the work place" it is 2 to 4 pm on the 15th of September. This class does require your approval before I can enroll in the class. I finished all the core classes in December of 2014.

Processed 347 streets provided by CSA (adds, change, and deletions). Have a about 10 streets in question that i have sent to CSA and having them to re look at them along with a list of 9 streets for them to locate and place in the district.

The audit logs have been sent to Hart for their tech's to look over to see if the eScans are having any problems. Also to see if the computers are having any problems it will probably take about a month for them to go through them because of the November elections with their equipment.

As you can see August was a busy month for the CNEC.