



# Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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**CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION  
MEETING  
TELE CONFERENCE  
MARCH 10, 2021  
4:30 PM**

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**Commission Present:** Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Doublehead, and Commissioner Robinson (telephone)

**Staff Present:** Sharon Swepston, and Fonda Gritts

**Visitors Present:** Paiten Qualls (telephone)

**Roll Call:** Chairman Wilson took roll

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

**The Commission began with agenda items #1 – Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2020-** Commissioner Doublehead stated the only correction was the agenda says, "Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2021". And should read December 9, 2020."

Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve with that correction made. Commissioner Robinson second the motion. Motion carried.

**Agenda #2 – Monthly Reports** – Sharon included in the packets a January and December report. For January year to date on Motor Vehicle we had 8.47% increase over what we had last year at this time. On Revenue and Taxation, cigarette, tobacco, retail sales, and alcohol tax are all down. Year to date almost 52% less than last year at this time. Due to the fact that the shops were closing at that time due to Covid. All the places haven't open

back up 100% yet. The number should start going back up when everything starts opening back up.

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

***Agenda #3 – 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 stated in the minutes that she ask a question to Paiten regarding the McGirt case. Paiten stated the decision regarding the Cherokee Nation should be published by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals. She said as soon as they get that decision they will be sending that out with a brief analysis to what it means. It concerns the specific issue of our criminal jurisdiction and whether or not the reservation has been recognized by the State of Oklahoma in that case. When it comes out it will be public record and she will be able to send that information out. Sharon said when that comes out she will forward it to the Commission.

Commissioner Robinson also asked if there has been a decision made on how the money will be distributed out to the schools this year. Sharon stated it will be virtual this year and they are looking at the dates March 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>, they will be setting up a meeting next week to finalize. There will be a link that will take you to that meeting.

***Agenda #4 - Executive Session - None***  
***a. Exit Executive Session***

***Other New Business:*** Sharon gave an update on the Catoosa Office. There was a ground breaking. No construction has started to her knowledge, they have opened it up for bidding.

***Public Comments:*** None

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

Next meeting will be June 9, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

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Commission Approval