



Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 4:30 PM

Roll Call: Chairman Wilson began with roll call for Commission.

Commission Present: Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Robinson, and Commissioner Doublehead was present.

Staff Present: Sharon Swepston, Chelsea Fisher, Shelia Sawney, Teresa Carder, Tammy Guinn (telephone), and Fonda Gritts.

Visitors Present: Paiten Qualls, Attorney General's Office.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wilson at 4:30. Quorum was established with Chairman Wilson, Commissioner's Fan Robinson, and Michael Doublehead.

The Commission began with agenda #1 – Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2024 – Commissioner Robinson stated in agenda item #3 it needs to read “Shelia Sawney states” instead of “She states”. With that amendment being made Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda item #2 - Stephenson Wholesale Co., Inc. /DBA/ Indian Nation Wholesale (2) – Stephenson Wholesale purchased Standard Distributing and Stephenson Wholesale have turned in all the document that is required. They changed the name to “Indian Nations Wholesales”. Shelia recommends approval.

Commission Robinson made a motion to approve the Wholesale license. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda item #3 – Rules and Regulations Definitions – M.V. 01-1-210.3 –Replacement for Undelivered Tag-Decal- Tammy Guinn stated we need to make a change from 14 days to 21 days. We are receiving quite a bit of request for undelivered decal and tags. It is taking at least 21 days for the customers to receive their decals and tags. She explained the sort center in Tulsa has been moved to Oklahoma City. By the time the mail is leaving the post office it has been taking more than 14 days. This also is for renewals or anything that we put in the mail. Tammy recommends that we need to change the days to 21 days.

Teresa Carder stated if the customers does not receive it they can file for a replacement with no charge. Sharon said they are requesting an undelivered and we are sending them a new tag, before we can get one out to the customer they have received the first one. And we have already voided the tag, so they have to wait for the second one to arrive.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the days from 14 to 21. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda item #4 – Monthly Reports – Sharon Swepston stated Motor Vehicle is almost 1% year to date we are running almost the same as last year at this time.

On Revenue and Taxation we are running about the same as Motor Vehicle. The month to month floats, but we are about the same as last year.

The new “Mason Treat” legislation may cause us to see some fluctuation. People may be confused but we are trying to answer any questions customers may have about it.

Commissioner Robinson ask, If we are following the State? Sharon stated we are trying to make sure our citizen know they do not have to complete a registration with the State. Just because they are given a temporary registration they can still come to us once they receive their paperwork to register their vehicle just like they always have.

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

Agenda item #5 – 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 has an update on the Veterans Military tags. We have received approval to use all but the Navy. She said we explained to the Attorney General’s Office and they sent us something back stating the language would be okay. Tammy Guinn sent the Attorney General’s Office some information on how we are doing it here and they were fine with that. Sharon sent that to Administration and when it gets signed we will be able to move forward. Sharon passed out some samples of the tags that Tammy put together. Sharon will email the designs to the Commissioner’s to review, and after they review the designs they will make a recommendation to Administration.

They will need to go to Oklahoma Correctional Industries Art department and they will do some designs for samples to be made. After that it will go for approval to Administration.

Commissioner Robinson stated she has a discussion for the record. In the Chief's State of the Nation Address, he mentioned the tag compact. She said whether the Governor signs it or not we will continue to sell tags on the reservation. Commissioner Robinson said that brings up a red flag to her. If the citizens travel out of jurisdiction will they be getting stopped?

Paiten stated there is always a chance of that happening, but she doesn't think that it will. She said she is hopeful that we are in a place with law enforcement that we have all the MOU's with the counties and they move freely between that. We have a good working relationship with them. So she is hopeful they would continue to work with us. Preserving public safety and not harassing tribal citizens. Paiten said she could get the Commission a firmer answer later. And analyze what the right of action would be.

Sharon had one thing to add regarding agenda item #2, Shelia wanted to make note on the Wholesale license that was approved. That there are two licenses and not just one license. They have two locations.

It was Indian Nation #1 and Indian Nation #2. We need a motion to approve the Indian Nation #2.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the Indian Nation #2. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session – none

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Other New Business: none

Public Comments: none

Adjournment:

Chairman Doublehead made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried

Adjourn at 4:53 p.m.

Next Tax Commission meeting will be December 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.



Commissioner Approval