



Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING

12-13-23

9:44 AM

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Doublehead, and Commissioner Robinson was present.

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

Visitors Present: Greg Calvert, Attorney General's Office.

Chairman Wilson was ill and unable to attend.

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Doublehead. Quorum was established with Commissioner's Robinson and Doublehead present.

The Commissioner began with agenda #1 – Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2023. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Doublehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda item #2 – Veterans Tag – Special Branches- There was a brief discussion Sharon said Commissioner Robinson visited with her regarding branches of service that our veterans served in. Sharon said she will check into seeing if we can order that type of tag. She said they will work on getting all the branches and order a

small order to see how they sell. They can have it with a branch or not. This process will take a little time to get that implemented.

Sharon said she will contact the Secretary, Joe Crittenden that is over the Veterans Affairs and make sure we have everything correct. It will be a choice of which tag they would want when they come to get a tag. The tag will need to be the same as it shows on their DD214.

Agenda item #3 – Changes to State Motor Vehicle Law- Sharon stated she heard about these changes with the State October 31st. And the State went into effect November 1, 2023.

HB2011 – Two-Year Motor Vehicle Registration – They will have a choice between a one or two year. We had to order decals for 2026. This is only for our At Large.

Due to our compact with the state, when they make changes to their rules we have to abide by those rules also. There isn't a discount for this, if you want a two year decal you will get a 2026 decal.

HB1390 – This bill extends the time for new purchase registration from 30 days to 60 days. This will be for everyone. Steve is working on these changes for our system. And these changes are just for new registration not renewals.

SB984- It removes the trade in value for Sales Tax Configurations for the At Large. This is only for Sales Tax not Registration. Steve is working on the changes for the system.

HB2010 – Carbon Monoxide warning decals for boats. Tammy stated they did an unfunded mandate and there is no monies attached to it. The Tax Commission is going responsible for purchasing the Carbon Monoxide decals and having the brochures printed. Tammy received a draft of the design of the decal and we will need to order those for all boats. There is no charge to the

customer. Tammy contacted the Coast Guard Patrol, OHP Lake Patrol. And they said Oklahoma will not provide those for us. Commissioner Robinson stated that sometimes the Environmental people get special funds for things like this. She said you may want to contact them on this. She said to contact Nancy John in Environmental.

HB1759- Sharon stated this one is definition of Inheritance and Allow TOD (Transfer on Death) on Vessels.

Commissioner Robinson ask if the Secretary State was going to join them in a meeting. Sharon said she was unable to make it today.

Tammy said she has had a few customers ask about handicap motorcycle tags? Sharon said that was something we can look at and see if we can do that.

Agenda item #4 -Monthly Reports – Sharon stated she included September and October graphs in your packets.

For the end of the year we were almost 2% behind the previous year on the Motor Vehicle. And on Revenue and Taxation we were 16% over. That was due to Retail Sales.

For October we were almost 3% over this time last year in October. Almost 2% over in Revenue and Taxation.

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.

Agenda item #6 – Executive Session- None

a. Exit Executive Session

Other New Business – None

Public Comments – Commissioner Robinson ask Sharon to invite Secretary State to attend our next meeting in March.

Our next meeting will be March 13, 2024.

Adjournment – Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 AM. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Approval