



Cherokee Nation Tax Commission

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CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2022 4:30

Commission Present: Chairman Wilson, Commissioner's Doublehead, and Robinson

Staff Present: Sharon Swepston, Shelia Sawney, and Fonda Gritts

Visitors Present: Gregory Calvert-Attorney General's Office, Luke Barteaux-C.N. Judge

Roll Call: Chairman Wilson

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

The Commission began with agenda item #1- Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve the September 14th minutes. Chairman Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda item #2 - Alcohol License for CNE Hard Rock – DAQ'5 - Shelia stated they have submitted their application all documentation are in order and all fees have been paid. She is requesting to the commission for approval.

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

Agenda item#3 – Request of Tax Commission Information for Juror Summons- Judge Barteaux stated they usually request information from the Registrar to send out their jury summons when they are having trials. But, with the “Violence against Women’s Act”, and “The Missing and Murder Indigenous Women” laws, that gives extra jurisdiction over non-Indians. They will need to add to the law to be able to call non-Cherokees onto the jury. If the court could use the names on Tax Commission’s system that would cover them and be legal so they could prosecute those violent charges against non-Cherokees on the reservation.

Originally Chrissi Nimmo thought we would need to ask the Tax Commission to make regulation changes and add other forms. After speaking with her this week it’s her opinion that they will not need to do that since the information is already in place and they already have some type of jurisdiction within Cherokee Nation by accepting the tag and can just use those names without having additional regulations or forms.

Judge Barteaux wants to request the Tax Commission blessing. But wouldn’t need to take official action and to make sure it’s okay to use the Tax Commission information.

Sharon said she spoke with Chrissi, basically what she said they will need from Tax Commission is a list of names that will have everyone names that appears on car titles. The list will have their address and phone number listed and will be given to the courts to use. The courts will be able to look in the registrar for the names to see if they are Cherokee or non-Indian.

Commissioner Robinson ask what happens for example if a crime happens in Tulsa County, and people come from all over Oklahoma to get their tag. She ask wouldn’t they want people from the local community to serve on the jury? Judge Barteaux ask Sharon if that was something that could be looked at? Sharon said she will check into it. She said that would be something Steve Staten would have to query out of the system.

There was a brief discussion on this.

Commissioner Doublehead made a motion to approve the information list to be issued for Juror Summons. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda item #4 – Monthly Reports- Sharon stated the report for October shows the revenue is down. The boat revenue was down by 22%, but the boats can be issued either a one or three year boat. This year was probably a time for the three years. Commissioner Doublehead stated that people bought those boats during COVID with the prices we had. It was a way of getting out of the house since they couldn't travel.

Sharon stated through September of last year we had approximately 25 million year-end in revenue for the Motor Vehicle. That was an increase of 3%.

This year we will be able to do in person presentations for the school money. They are planning March 28th for presenting to the schools which will be held in Tulsa.

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. – None

Agenda item #6 – Executive Session - None

a. Exit Executive Session

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None

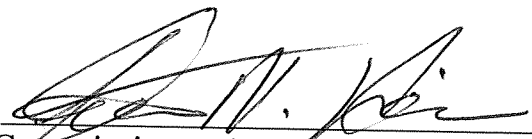
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Tax Commission meeting will be March 8, 2022.

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

Meeting was adjourn at 4:43PM



Commissioner Approval