

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2018  
CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

**Call to order/Roll call of Commissioners:**

The meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Shawna Calico at 4:07 p.m.

Chairperson Shawna Calico stated we needed to assign a commissioner to take notes for the minutes until we vote on the officers today. A motion was made by Pam Sellers and seconded by Randy Campbell to approve Commissioner Carolyn Allen to take the minutes until we had the election of officers. This motion was approved by all commissioners. Chairperson Shawna Calico welcomed Rick Doherty as a new commissioner.

Commissioner Carolyn Allen called roll and a quorum was established with the following commissioners present:

Shawna Calico, Chairperson  
Carolyn Allen, Vice-Chairperson  
Pam Sellers- Commissioner  
Randy Campbell- Commissioner  
Rick Doherty- Commissioner

Office staff present were Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell.

Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.

Guests present were:

Roger Graham  
Sonya Glory  
Chrissi Nimmo  
Tahlina Nofire Blakestad  
David Walkingstick

Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for discussion and/or approval of the minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. There being no discussion, Randy Campbell made a motion and Pam Sellers seconded the motion for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved by all commissioners.

Shawna Calico----- Yes  
Carolyn Allen----- Yes  
Pam Sellers----- Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for any items on **old business** to which there were none.

**Current Items** of Business were presented for discussion.

a.) Consideration and possible action on electing new Officers of the Election Commission:

A motion was made by Rick Doherty to rename Shawna Calico as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. The motion was approved by commissioners.

Shawna Calico--- \_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Allen----- Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to elect Pam Sellers as the Vice-Chair/Parliamentarian. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by commissioners.

Shawna Calico----Yes  
Carolyn Allen----- Yes  
Pam Sellers----- \_\_\_\_  
Randy Campbell--Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

A motion was made by Pam Sellers to elect Carolyn Allen as the Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by commissioners.

Shawna Calico----Yes  
Carolyn Allen----- \_\_\_\_  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell--Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

b.) Consideration and possible action on attendance of Community Meetings during/after Filing Period for the 2018 Special Election:

Discussion was held. Commissioner Allen commented that we had previously approved to cease going to community meetings on December 1, 2018 as we would be entering an election timeframe for the June, 2019 election. She commented with the proposed special election on December 29, 2018, that she felt it would be best if we ceased going to community meetings on November 14, 2018 as this is when a new election timeframe would be entered with the proposed special election. It was agreed this was a good idea. Commissioner Allen made a motion to cease going to community meetings beginning November 14, 2018. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Shawna Calico----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell--Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

c.) Consideration and possible action on the recommended **Timeline for the anticipated 2018 District 7 Special Election:**

Discussion was held. Commissioner Allen commented that various commissioners, staff and attorney had worked on the timeline at different times and several rough drafts were looked at. Attorney Harvey Chaffin went through each event on the timeline stating each event had been looked at to make sure it would fit within the Election Law timeframes for an election. He also gave reference to the section of the law pertaining to Special Elections in regard to the proposed timeframe being submitted today for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Randy Campbell and seconded by Carolyn Allen to approved the proposed timeline for the proposed Special Election for December 29, 2018. The motion was approved by all commissioners. **See Attachment #1.**

Shawna Calico---- Yes  
Carolyn Allen----- Yes  
Pam Sellers----- Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

d.) Consideration and possible action on **Facility Agreement for the 2018 Special Election:**

There were no changes to the agreement other than the date in reference to the Special Election for 2018. A motion was made by Pam Sellers to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by all commissioners. **Attachment # 2.**

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

e.) Consideration and possible action on the Forms used in the 2018 Special Election:

Connie Parnell discussed each of the forms presented and what changes had been made in regard to the 2018 Special Election. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to approve the forms with an amendment to the Absentee Ballot Request form to add the wording, "will be accepted through December 7, 2018 **midnight Central Standard time**" to the form. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

The Precinct Worker Agreement was presented and discussed. The noted changes were in regard to the dates pertaining to the 2018 Special Election. A motion was made by Pam Sellers to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by all commissioners. Attachment #3.

Shawna Calico---- Yes  
Carolyn Allen----- Yes  
Pam Sellers----- Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

f.) Consideration and possible action on the Candidate Filing Packet for the 2018 Special Election:

Marcus Fears discussed the forms in the packet. There was discussion regarding the wording on Page 2.1 the Candidate Filing Packet Instructions. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to amend this form with the following changes to the form: Candidates shall (change shall to must) file for office (add the words in person) at the Cherokee Nation Election Commission Office located at 17763 South Muskogee Avenue, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464 and to approve the other forms in the packet as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by all commissioners

Shawna Calico----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

Note: A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to reconsider action on the timeline which was voted on earlier in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pam Sellers. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Shawna Calico----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

Note: A motion was made by Pam Sellers to add the following item to the 2018 Special Election Timeline: November 15, 2018 as the date of "approval of the number and location of precincts." The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Shawna Calico----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

g.) Consideration and possible action on anticipated **2018 District 7 Special Election Press Release:**

Connie Parnell presented a proposed press release to be released November 15, 2018. Discussion was held. Carolyn Allen made a motion to approve the press release with the amendment to add the specific locations of precincts to the release. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by all commissioners. **Attachment # 4.**

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

h.) Consideration and possible action on approval of the **Precinct Certificate of Vote/Consolidated Returns Procedure for the 2018 Special Election:**

Connie Parnell presented this form as a reminder of our procedures to follow. Randy Campbell made a motion to approve this form. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. The motion was approved by all commissioners. **Attachment #5.**

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

Chairperson Shawna Calico asked if anyone had a need for **Executive Session** based on the items listed. There was no need for Executive Session but Attorney Harvey Chaffin made the following comments:

Attorney Harvey Chaffin commented that a vote was taken on the 2013 election ballot resolution which called for the procedure to be taken if anyone resigns from the Tribal Council. He stated that a motion should be taken to submit the proposed 2018 Special Election Timeframe to the Tribal Council. A motion was made by Randy Campbell to submit the proposed 2018 Special Election Timeframe to Tribal Council. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. The motion was approved by all.

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Pam Sellers-----Yes  
Randy Campbell---Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

There were no announcements.

A motion was made by Rick Doherty to **adjourn** at 5:29 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m. Minutes submitted on November 13, 2018 by Carolyn Allen, Secretary.