



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

March 09th, 2021

4:00 P.M.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the February 23rd Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business-None
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on the number and location of precincts for the 2021 General Election
 - b. Consideration and possible action on Press Releases
 - c. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Attorney's contract
- IX. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

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February 26, 2021 by 4:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Shawna Calico

Posted by: _____



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Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 2021

I. Call to order

- The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission for March 9th, 2021 was called to order by Chairperson Shawna Calico at 4:15pm

II. Roll call

- Election Commission Secretary Rick Doherty called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Shawna Calico – Chairperson
Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson
Rick Doherty – Secretary/Treasurer
Randy Campbell – Commissioner
Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

- Office staff present was: Connie Parnell & Marcus Fears
- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present

III. Approval of Minutes

- Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the February 23rd Special Meeting. Randy Campbell made a motion seconded by Pam Sellers to approve the minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- Marcus Fears gave a report that detailed registration statistics, an increase in phone calls & emails and reported on the upcoming events on the Election Timeline for March and April. Randy Campbell made a motion seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**

V. Election Director's Report

- Connie Parnell gave a report over working from home coming to a close, on additions to Press Releases, the office receiving COVID supplies and receiving all election supplies. Rick Doherty made a motion seconded by Randy Campbell to



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approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 2)**

VI. Attorney's Report

- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin reported on pending litigation and responses to appeals. Pam Sellers made a motion seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the Attorney's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. Current Items

- Consideration and possible action on the number and location of precincts for the 2021 General Election.
 - i. Pam Sellers made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the number and location of precincts for the 2021 General Election. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 3)**
- Consideration and possible action on Press Releases.
 - i. Pam Sellers made a motion seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the Press Releases with necessary changes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Attorney's Contract.
 - i. Rick Doherty made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to amend the Election Commission Attorney's contract by \$24,000. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IX. Executive Session

- There was no Executive Session

X. Action from Executive Session

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjourn

- Rick Doherty made a motion to adjourn at 5:08pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Rick Doherty, Secretary/Treasurer



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Attachment #1

March 09, 2021 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator
fears-marcus@cherokee.org

I. OFFICE:

February was very busy. The office saw a large increase in call volume, emails and faxes regarding the upcoming election. Candidate Filing happened from the Feb 1-4 with a total of 38 Candidates filing. Challenges of Eligibility were filed and a Hearing was held for the 4 Challenges.

Upcoming events on our Timeline:

March 23 – Supreme Court Appeal Hearings; *Schedule Meeting to draw for Candidate order & Watchers

March 31 – Voter Registration Deadline

April 12 – Approximate date to mail Voter ID cards

April 16 – Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

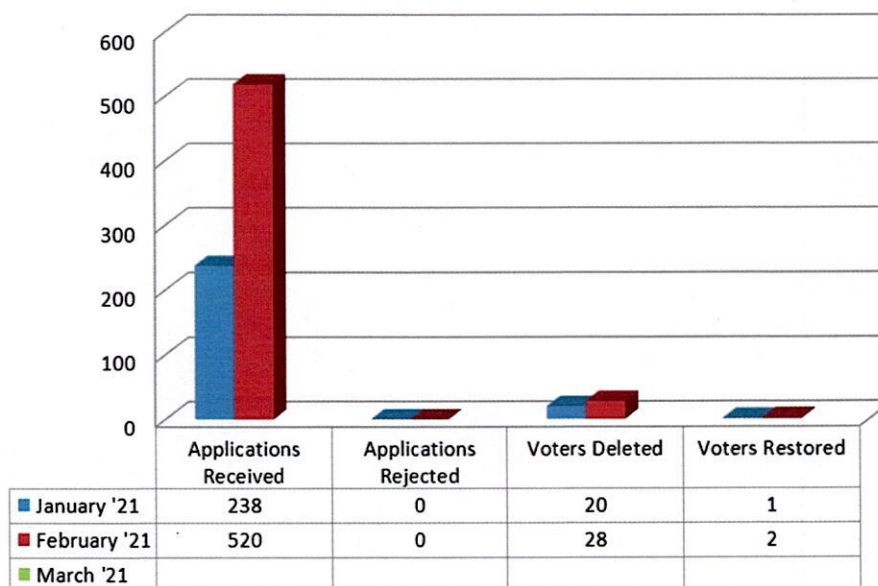
April 27 & 28 – Mail out Absentee Ballots

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 03/3/2021

74,127 Total Registered Voters; **42,222** In-District; **31,905** At-Large

520 Total Applications - **196** Voter Registrations, **324** Absentee Requests

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

FY21 is on target.

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 1 Hulbert	Hulbert	1,234
	Okay	299
	Tahlequah (1)	1,548
Total for District		3,081
Dist No. 2 Tahlequah	Briggs	233
	Lowrey	246
	Tahlequah (2)	2,427
Total for District		2,906
Dist No. 3 Tenkiller	Keys	949
	Tahlequah (3)	1,800
Total for District		2,749
Dist No. 4 Three Rivers	Ft. Gibson	1,075
	Muskogee	545
	Warner	733
Total for District		2,353
Dist No. 5 Redbird	Gore	332
	Sallisaw (5)	615
	Vian	1,149
Total for District		2,096
Dist No. 6 Sequoyah	Belfonte	120
	Marble City	173
	Muldrow	1,652
	Sallisaw (6)	1,652
Total for District		3,597
Dist No. 7 Flint	Cave Springs	280
	Chewey	84
	Stilwell (7)	2,550
	Westville (7)	707
Total for District		3,621
Dist No. 8 Goingsnake	Bell	270
	Stilwell (8)	1,090
	Westville (8)	485
Total for District		1,845
Dist No. 9 Saline	Jay (9)	678
	Kansas	1,307

Chronicle- Voter Registration by District and Precinct

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District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 9 Saline	Kenwood	129
	Salina (9)	542
	Total for District	2,656
Dist No. 10 Delaware	Afton	612
	Grove	728
	Jay (10)	810
	Pryor (10)	550
	Salina (10)	200
	Spavinaw	167
Total for District	3,067	
Dist No. 11 Cooweescoowee - North	S. Coffeyville	468
	Vinita	1,788
	Welch	135
Total for District	2,391	
Dist No. 12 Cooweescoowee - West	Bartlesville	1,666
	Nowata	713
	Skiatook	132
Total for District	2,511	
Dist No. 13 Gadusi	Catoosa	344
	Collinsville	962
	Tulsa	1,833
Total for District	3,139	
Dist No. 14 Cooweescoowee - Central	Chelsea	565
	Claremore (14)	2,536
	Oologah	439
Total for District	3,540	
Dist No. 15 Cooweescoowee - South	Claremore (15)	854
	Locust Grove	882
	Pryor (15)	879
	Salina (15)	55
Total for District	2,670	
At Large	At Large	31,905
Total for District	31,905	
Grand Total	74,127	



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2021 February Directors Report

Working from home is coming to an end, I look forward to coming back full time on March 1, 2021.

Working on the mail absentee affidavit and voting instructions to get the supplies ordered to mail out the absentee ballots.

Had my last Covid vaccine on February 3 and doing great.

I have been putting the precinct books together for the election. Also securing precinct polling places due to the pandemic. We have changed 9 polling locations for this election cycle.

I have set dates for precinct official trainings and will hold most of the trainings in the Election Commission meeting room. Precinct official training packets are done.

Receiving election supplies for the upcoming 2021 election cycle.

I have worked on amending press release with the changes due to the amended Election act for the drop box days.

We have received most of our precinct Covid supplies still waiting on the Six feet signs and the signs requiring masks at the precinct during voting.

Will start election setup in the next few weeks



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2021 Election Cycle Polling Locations

District 2

Tahlequah	Sequoyah High School Cafeteria
Briggs	Tri-Community (W.E.B.) Association
Lowrey	Peggs Community Center

District 4

Fort Gibson	Community Building
Muskogee	Cares Act Bldg. (Next to Three Rivers Clinic)
Warner	Warner Public School (Event Center)

District 5

Gore	Gore Police and Fire Station
Sallisaw	HACN
Vian	Vian Public School (BJ Traw Gym)

District 7

Stilwell	Maryetta School Eagleton Activity Center
Westville	Westville School (Cafeteria)
Cave Springs	Lyons Switch Community Association
Chewey	NOAC Chewey Community Building

District 9

Jay	CN PPE/Food Distribution Center
Kenwood	Kenwood School (Cafeteria)
Salina	Lakeview Baptist Church
Kansas	Kansas School Dome

District 10

Jay	CN PPE/Food Distribution Center
Salina	Lakeview Baptist Church
Afton	Afton City Hall
Grove	FUMC Church Grove
Spavinaw	Spavinaw City Hall
Pryor	Graham Community Building

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District 11

Vinita	CN Vinita Food Distribution (next to Health Center)
Welch	Civic Auditorium Center
So. Coffeyville	Native American Fellowship Inc.

District 15

Locust Grove	Cherokee Elder Rainbow House
Pryor	Graham Community Building
Salina	Lakeview Baptist Church
Claremore	HACN Claremore

We the Commission do hereby certify the Precinct Polling Locations for the 2021 Election Cycle.

Dated this 9 day of March, 2021.

Shawna Calico

Shawna Calico, Chairperson

Pamela Sellers

Pamela Sellers, Vice Chairperson

Rick Doherty

Rick Doherty, Secretary/Treasurer

Randy Campbell

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Elizabeth Ballew

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