

I. Budget Highlights – please refer to Monthly Financial Report

II. Program Highlights for June:

<u>District 1 412 North</u> Information Report (2) Warrants (20) Other agency assists (82) Warnings (100) Citations (40) Alcohol/Drug Arrests (20) Grand Larceny (1) Rape (1) Theft (1)	<u>District 2 412 South</u> Information Report (3) Warrants (22) Other agency assists (101) Warnings (69) Citations (58) Alcohol/Drug Arrests (20) Theft (2) B&E (1) Domestic Violence/Assault (1)
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III. Special Operations

Dive (0)
 Swift water (0)
 SWAT (0)

IV. Accomplishments

Scott Craig testified at Indian Law and Order Commission
 Danny Tanner SWAT Commander Certification
 Danny Tanner/ Mike Roach Tactical Entry Concepts
 Shannon Buhl Lifesavers Conference
 Marshall Green OGIA
 Mike Reese/ Jon Ketcher Active Shooter
 Franky Dreadfulwater/John Timothy DARE
 Shawna Roach/ Cecelia Muskrat OCADVSA Conference

NAHASDA:

Dist I: 243
 Dist II: 637
 Total: 880

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 2012 Report to Rules Committee

Attorneys:

Cheryl Hamby-

Tribal Court Docket

Two dockets including juvenile and criminal.

Oklahoma Hearings

Washington County

Rogers County

California Hearings

Santa Barbara County

Professional Development

Sovereignty Symposium

OCADVSA (Oklahoma Counsel Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault).

Appellate work

Cherokee Nation Supreme Court

Oklahoma Supreme Court

Chrissi Nimmo-

1 Cherokee Nation Juvenile Docket

2 Cherokee County Juvenile Dockets

1 Sequoyah County Juvenile Docket

1 Craig County Juvenile Docket

1 Pittsburg County Juvenile Docket

Juvenile Bench Trial in Cherokee Nation District Court

Employee Appeal Case, Hearing on Remand – McAlvain

ICWA Training for Oklahoma Court Improvement System in Ada, OK

Elizabeth Odell- Attended a Probate Hearing in Adair County, a Hearing regarding a Motion for Accounting in a Foreclosure Case in Delaware County, a Tribal Juvenile Docket, a Status Conference for a Cherokee County Civil Case, and the Tribal Child Support Docket.

Susan Work- attended the Intertribal Council of the Five [Civilized] Tribes in Norman, and attended one day of the Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. Participated in presentations updating Council members on Cherokee Nation water rights issues and participated in the kick-off meeting with the engineering firm assisting with development of a tribal water plan.

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Election Commission

Month/Year of Report: June 2012

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I. Budget Highlights

- a.) No unexpected expenditures for the month
- b.)
- c.)

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

- 1. n/a
- 2.
- 3.

b.) Accomplishments

- 1. Harvey Chaffin selected as Counsel for the Election Commission.
- 2. Recommendations by current Election Commission sent to Tribal Council.
- 3. Meeting with Hart Intercivic election company.
- 4. Meeting dates set for every second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM.
- 5. Meeting with True Ballot election company.
- 6. Relinquished current through 6/30/2012

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

- 1. Establish precincts for new 15 districts.
- 2. Revise Election Commission rules and regulations.
- 3. Interview Election Service Companies.



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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June 21, 2012

Attached is the current Election Commissioners Report of Recommendations for the Tribal Council.

**Omnibus Report
of the
Cherokee Nation
Election Commission
*GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS
2011-2012***

Policy Recommendations and Observations:

***This Report is a compilation considering
recommendations and observations of the Carter Center
and both the former and current Cherokee Nation
Election Commission (CNEC)***

COMMUNICATION

The Carter Center encourages both the CNEC and the Tribal Council to have timely consultations about the content of election-related laws to ensure laws drafted by the Tribal Council are practical and properly phrased, the roles and responsibilities of the CNEC remain clear and procedures are realistic and designed to protect the rights of Cherokee citizens.

CNEC is in the process of updating the Bylaws with the newly established commission. CNEC adheres to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission and submits reports to the Tribal Council to address issues and correspondence during the monthly Tribal Council Rules Committee meetings.

VOTER EDUCATION

The Carter Center encourages CNEC to carry out voter education efforts and encourages the Tribal Council to update the code to ensure proper budgetary provisions are in place to permit CNEC to implement voter education efforts that would help voters take full advantage of their registration and voting rights.

CNEC staff addresses inquiries in regard to elections and voting procedures, cards are mailed to voters stating location of specific voting precincts and printed news media are all various modes utilized to educate voters regarding voting and registration issues.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION/PRECINCT MEDIA

Forms of voter identification need to be consistent across the Cherokee Nation.

For the purpose of promoting consistency of identification of voters, the voter identification card which is mailed from the CNEC office along with driver license can be used as consistent forms of identification across the Cherokee Nation. To ensure voter privacy, no cameras or video cameras will be allowed in precincts or within the 300 feet boundary.

ABSENTEE BALLOTING

The Carter Center recommended tightening the requirements of absentee ballots.

The CNEC staff continues to refine the absentee ballot request forms. The CNEC is sensitive to complaints or concerns with the forms and process from the last election cycle. The CNEC staff and commissioners are working diligently to make the process less complicated for voters. The CNEC is reviewing the absentee ballot process and taking into consideration the full spectrum of said process to tighten the requirements of such for future elections.

ELECTION SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Carter Center noted voter privacy and proper verification of all outside information technology and election service providers should be audited with qualified/independent personnel. This safeguard will ensure the integrity of the process and verify all service providers are following the best practices with regard to data security and tabulation accuracy. This type of audit will increase integrity of the process and reduce time consumed with litigation designed to verify election results in the event of close elections. One possible verification suggested by the Carter Center would be to post an independent observer or Election Commissioner next to data input personnel to verify the data entry process, or perhaps electronic monitoring of the data as election results are entered into the computer system.

The CNEC is in the process of exploring options for election service providers to find the best available option for future Cherokee Nation Elections.

MODERNIZE CANDIDATES FINANCIAL REPORTING

Financial Reporting by the candidates and a legislated audit requirement mandate that the financial reporting functions of the CNEC be strengthened. Candidates and their financial reporting designees should attend a "financial reporting workshop" as part of the candidacy filing process in order to minimize errors and the need for multiple revisions to financial reports. The definition of in-kind donations and fundraisers should be clarified by the Attorney General's office prior to the next election cycle and included in the training. The use of electronic filing and spreadsheets should be evaluated to further minimize the potential for human error. Qualified professionals should be used to more fully audit the candidates' reports.

The CNEC should have the authority to request any additional financial documentation from candidates regarding verification of financial campaign disclosures. At the present time, the statutory audit function places an extreme burden, both in time and in required expertise, on the CNEC.

WALK-IN VOTING HOURS CHANGE

Walk-in (early) voting is an effective and convenient method to ensure access to voting privileges for all Tribal citizens. The hours of operation regarding early walk-in voting are mandated by statute as 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The number of citizens utilizing the walk-in vote during non-business hours was miniscule.

Early voting time statutory requirements should be reset reflecting normal business hours so as to effectively utilize CNEC resources. The CNEC proposes changing the personal delivery hours to 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the early walk-in or in person voting (non-election days) to 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

DATABASE STANDARDIZATION

The Carter Center recommends more frequent updates to the voter registration rolls.

The CNEC staff makes daily updates which are sent to the registration department database on a daily basis. The Tribal Council should investigate the possibility of creating a voter registration list that encompasses every tribal citizen who is eligible to vote. A shared database with one form to change addresses for tribal and voting purposes should be explored. Many citizens are turned away from voting because they mistakenly believe that voter registration is simultaneous with tribal citizenship.

NINETY DAY REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

The Constitutional Amendment which shortened the timeframe within which to have a special election created by vacancies from 120 to 90 days should be examined. Voters are much less likely to be informed of precinct locations, absentee ballot request deadlines and election services provider contracts placed within a 90 day timeframe. This shortened time period results in voter confusion and disenfranchisement.

The CNEC is currently reviewing the process for the shortened timeframe concerning special elections and will be addressing precinct locations upon the redistricting approval by the Tribal Council.



CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Tax Commission

Month/Year of Report: July, 2012

Group Leader: Sharon Swepston

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I. Budget Highlights

- a.) Please refer to the monthly financial report from Finance.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Motor Vehicle

1. Year to Date Motor Vehicle revenue for FY12 compared to FY11 as of May 31st, had an overall increase of 9.51%.
2. The month to month revenue comparison for May 2011 (FY11) compared to May 2012 (FY12) shows an increase of 16.18%.
3. The detail for all areas of revenue for motor vehicle is shown on the attached graphs.
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b.) Revenue and Taxation Division

1. Year to Date Revenue and Taxation (Tobacco) for FY12 compared to FY11 as of May 31st, had an overall increase of 6.17%.
3. A month to month revenue comparison May 2011 (FY11) compared to May 2012 (FY12) shows a decrease of 0.55%.
3. The detail for all areas of tax is shown on the attached graphs.
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c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

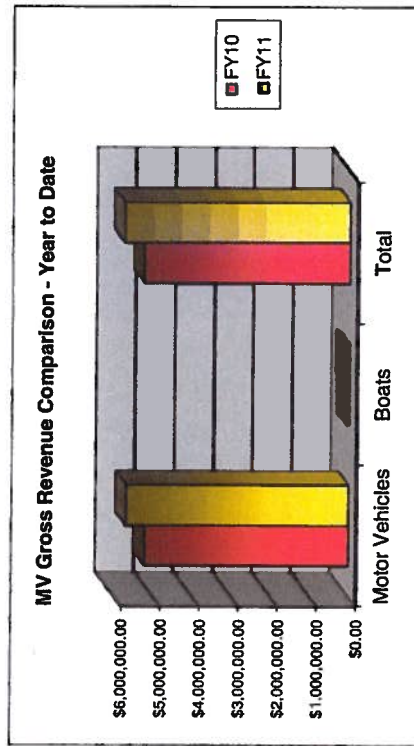
1. The next Tax Commission meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2012 at 4:30 pm in the CNTC Conference room.
2. New business hours for the Tahlequah office. As of February 1, 2012 the extended business hours will only be on Tuesdays. The business hours will be from 8:15 am until 6:00 pm on Tuesdays only.
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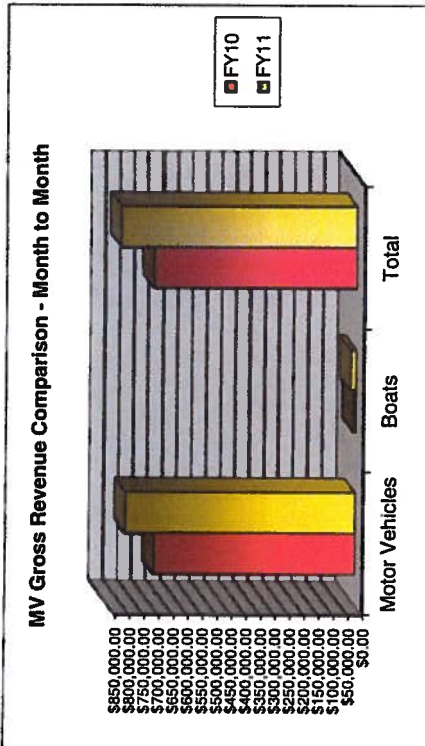
CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION

MAY 2012

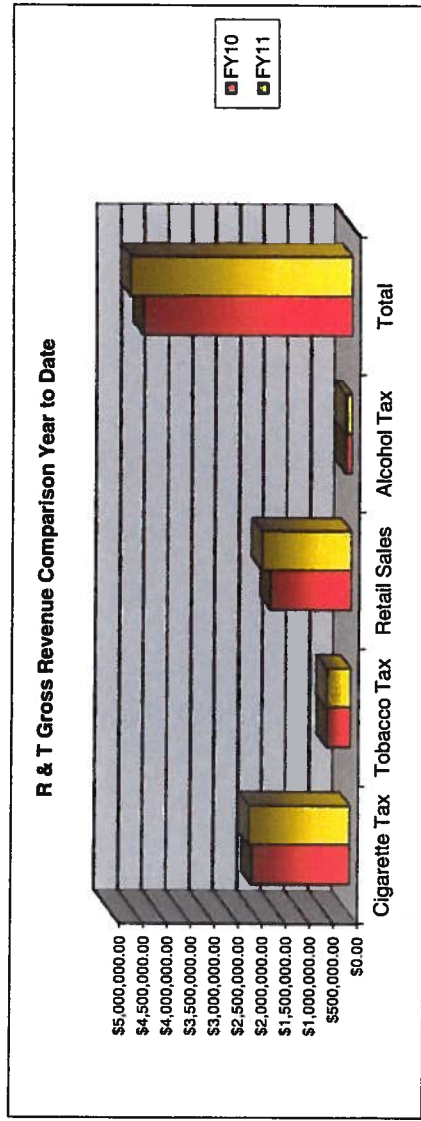
	Motor Vehicles	Boats	Total
FY10	\$5,196,325.14	\$48,242.26	\$5,244,567.40
FY11	\$5,679,451.65	\$68,832.26	\$5,748,283.91
% of Change	9.30%	42.68%	9.60%



	Motor Vehicles	Boats	Total
FY10	\$687,796.69	\$7,338.64	\$695,135.33
FY11	\$787,866.94	\$19,757.31	\$807,624.25
% of Change	14.55%	169.22%	16.18%



	Cigarette Tax	Tobacco Tax	Retail Sales	Alcohol Tax	Total
FY10	\$2,060,540.57	\$499,686.68	\$1,692,082.46	\$134,603.41	\$4,386,913.12
FY11	\$2,125,767.82	\$510,445.29	\$1,878,581.23	\$142,739.29	\$4,657,533.63
% of Change	3.17%	2.15%	11.02%	6.04%	6.17%



	Cigarette Tax	Tobacco Tax	Retail Sales	Alcohol Tax	Total
FY10	\$298,287.60	\$66,538.61	\$221,386.81	\$15,530.96	\$601,743.98
FY11	\$291,990.52	\$69,409.29	\$228,305.35	\$15,345.45	\$605,050.61
% of Change	-2.11%	4.31%	3.13%	-1.19%	0.55%

