

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
**Report to Rules Committee**  
**May 2011**

Dockets attended for the month of April:

Criminal Dockets- Cherokee Nation Tribal Court (2)

Juvenile Dockets- Cherokee Nation Tribal Court (2)  
Craig County  
Muskogee County  
Okfuskee County  
Pawnee County  
Sequoyah County  
Tulsa County

Child Support Dockets- Cherokee Nation Tribal Court  
Cherokee County  
Muskogee County  
Rogers County  
Sequoyah County

Out of State Dockets- Fort Smith, AR  
Sedgwick Co., KS

Civil Dockets- Adair County

Probate Hearings- Mayes County  
Rogers County

TERO Appeals- 0  
Employee Appeals-0

**Diane Hammons-** taught the “Hot Topics” portion of the Cherokee Law Institute. Participated as a speaker at the Federal Bar Association’s Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe, NM. Prepared and filed brief in the Nash (Freedmen) Case through Cherokee Tribal Court.

**Chrissi Nimmo-** attended the Federal Bar Association’s Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe, NM. Participated in Leadership Tahlequah - Cherokee Nation Day and Red Fern Festival. Volunteered for Law Day “Ask a Lawyer Phonathon”. Attended the Oklahoma Bar Association’s Indian Law Section Officer Meeting. Prepared and filed petition for rehearing in *Nielson v. Ketchum* (10<sup>th</sup> Circuit ICWA case).

**Susan Work-** Attended tribal water meetings in Norman on April 8 and 21, and served as Law Day volunteer on April 28.

**Robert Garcia-** Attended a hearing with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. Trial Practice CLE in Tulsa. Worked the Law Day table at NSU for the “Ask a Lawyer” program.

**Sherry Chennault-** Attended the District Attorney’s Council Listening Hearing and submitted 2 grant narratives for the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

**Cheryl Hamby-** Attended the Cherokee Nation IRB (Institutional Review Board). Participated as a speaker for the Oklahoma Bar Association’s Annual Adoption Seminar. Worked the Law Day table at NSU for the “Ask a Lawyer” program.

**Dana Jim-** Reviewed Student Essays for the Cherokee Nation Education Foundation. Participated in the Oklahoma Bar Association’s Ask a Lawyer program at Northeastern State University.

**Elizabeth Odell-** Assisted the Office of Child Support Services with Code changes to Title 43. Participated in the Law Day activities by volunteering at the Ask a Lawyer table at NSU on April 28.

**Nason Morton-** attended the Gaming Commission Meeting.

**Cynthia Burlison-** Served as Law Day Chairperson and coordinated the participation of volunteers and also served as a volunteer at the Ask a Lawyer table at NSU on April 28.

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
RULES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Group:** Election Commission

**Month/Year of Report:** April 2011

**Group Leader:**

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**I. Budget Highlights**

- a.) None

**II. Program Highlights**

**a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures**

- 1. n/a

**b.) Accomplishments**

- 1. Remaining precincts established
- 2. Relinquished information current through 4/30/2011
- 3. Update Addresses
- 4. Remove all verifiable deceased voters via Registration report and local newspaper
- 5. Ballot questions approved and sent for printing

**c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives**

- 1. Process all absentee ballot requests
- 2. Mail out absentee ballots
- 3. Mail Red Cards



# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

**Group:** Tax Commission

**Month/Year of Report:** May, 2011

**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 FY11 compared to FY10 as of March 31, had an overall increase of 9.62%.
2. The month to month revenue comparison for March 2010 (FY10) compared to March 2011 (FY11) shows an increase of 14.92%.
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 FY11 compared to FY10 as of March 31, had an overall increase of 1.91%.
3. A month to month revenue comparison March 2010 (FY10) compared to March 2011 (FY11) shows an increase of 3.60%.
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 tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2011 at 4:30 pm in the Government Resources Conference room.
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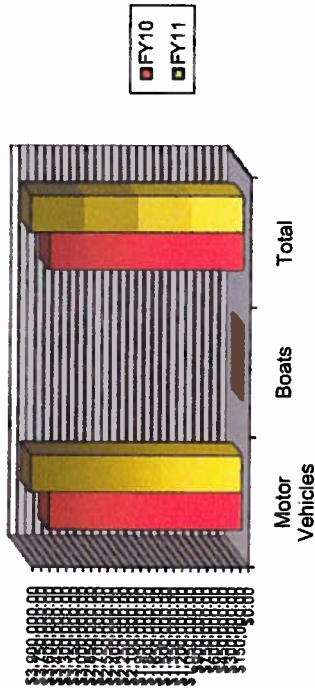


CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION

MARCH 2011

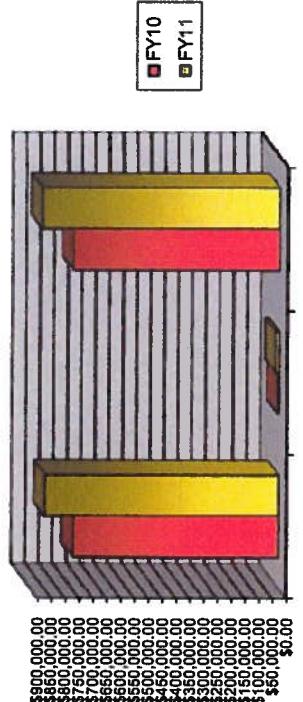
	Motor Vehicles	Boats	Total
FY10	\$3,482,926.29	\$20,099.49	\$3,503,025.78
FY11	\$3,815,367.58	\$24,534.00	\$3,839,901.58
% of Change	9.54%	22.06%	9.62%

MV Gross Revenue Comparison - Year to Date



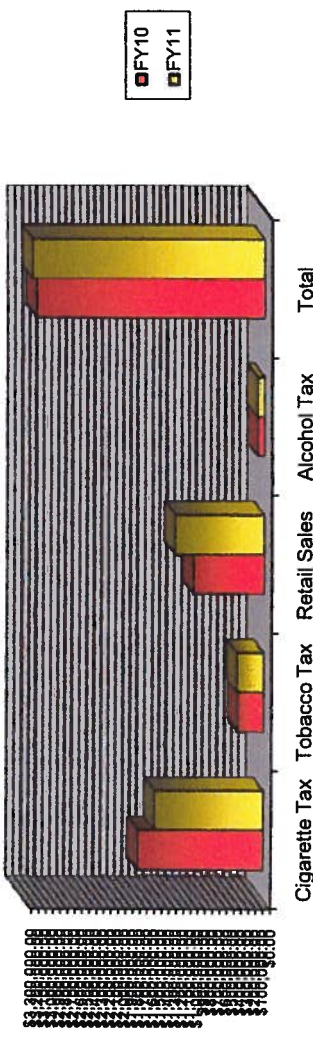
	Motor Vehicles	Boats	Total
FY10	\$743,142.66	\$5,000.63	\$748,143.29
FY11	\$847,104.93	\$12,639.15	\$859,744.08
% of Change	13.99%	152.75%	14.92%

MV Gross Revenue Comparison - Month to Month



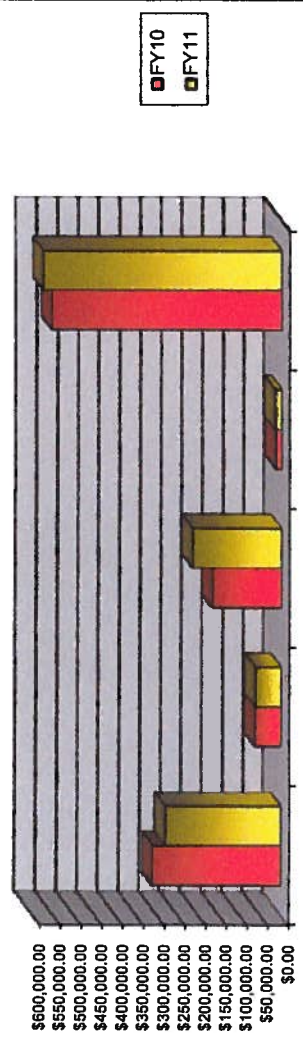
	Cigarette Tax	Tobacco Tax	Retail Sales	Alcohol Tax	Total
FY10	\$1,728,623.80	\$354,432.83	\$973,569.78	\$88,338.40	\$3,144,964.81
FY11	\$1,502,726.91	\$374,136.84	\$1,226,964.10	\$101,348.06	\$3,205,175.91
% of Change	-13.07%	5.56%	26.03%	14.73%	1.91%

R & T Gross Revenue Comparison Year to Date



	Cigarette Tax	Tobacco Tax	Retail Sales	Alcohol Tax	Total
FY10	\$310,354.65	\$63,493.66	\$168,254.94	\$14,842.40	\$556,945.65
FY11	\$280,807.01	\$62,957.69	\$216,062.63	\$17,188.53	\$577,015.86
% of Change	-9.52%	-0.84%	28.41%	15.81%	3.60%

R & T Gross Revenue Comparison Month to Month



Group: Government Resources Month/Year of Report: April 2011 05/11/2011

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**I. Budget Highlights – please refer to Monthly Financial Report**

Description of Budget exceptions: No budget exceptions to report.

**II. Program Highlights**

**a. Include any accomplishments**

1. Continued participation on the National SG Conference Planning Committee.
2. Participated and presented at the National SG Conference.
3. Coordinated discussions regarding construction contracts with FHWA, Susan Work and Michael Lynn.
4. Participated as the EORO Representative on the CSC Workgroup meeting in Albuquerque on April 5, 2011.
5. Continued participation in the DOI Title IV discussions to reintroduce the bill.

**b. ARRA:**

**Reporting/Training:**

1. Reporting to FederalReporting.gov.
  - a. Responded to various emails and comments from agencies regarding reports submitted.
  - b. April 10, 2010 2011 Qtr 1 ARRA Section 1512 reports in compliance. See 03/31/2011 ARRA Summary.

**Program Updates:**

2. Participated in USDA webinar regarding the national status of ARRA Broadband grants to tribes. Awards have not been executed for any tribe to date.

**c. Brief on future plans/any new initiatives**

**IHS:**

1. Preparation for IHS pre-negotiations.
2. Review of the IHS CSC Shortfall report.
3. Analysis and review of Area and Headquarters funding tables.

**DOI:**

4. PL102-477: The federal agencies have issued an addendum agreement in order to participate in the 477 program. The National 477 Workgroup has issued comments opposing the addendum agreement.
5. Cobell Settlement: The Nation received posters and DVDs from Kinsella Media, a public relations contractor for the settlement. All inquiries are being directed to the settlement contacts.
6. DOI CSC Workgroup: The CSC Shortfall Report submitted to Congress includes erroneous information for Cherokee Nation. The National workgroup agreed to footnote the upcoming report regarding the error.
7. IRR:  
Participating on teleconferences regarding reauthorization legislation.  
Question 10 Summary report: The formula change was announced to be issued through an Indian Affairs Manual Directive (not issued to date).

**Other:**

8. Participating on the national Tribal Data Management pilot project.

9. Actively participate with the Oklahoma SG Coalition regarding national SG issues.

**d. Announcements**

**e. Other**

1. Attend monthly meetings as a Member of the Policy Council serving the Early Childhood Unit Headstart Program.
2. Participate in regular meetings of the Strategic Budget Committee and assist in the review of budget proposals in an advisory capacity.