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# Cherokee Nation 2012 Re-Districting

#### **Constitutional Requirements**

- Cherokee Nation Constitution Article VI, Section 3
  - The Council shall establish representative districts which shall be within the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation. Fifteen of these seats shall be apportioned to afford a reasonably equal division of citizenship among the districts, and the remaining two shall be elected at-large by those registered voters residing outside the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation voting at-large in accordance with this section.

#### LA-36-10 requirements

 LA-36-10 section 5 sub-section D states no less than fifteen (15) districts for the 2013 tribal election based on the improved Registrar Citizenship data determined by the December 1, 2011 deadlines by August 1, 2012.

#### Date of Registration Data

- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 it was verified that as of 12/1/11 there were 118,397 CN Citizen records.
  - This was accomplished by cross-referencing the provided data with the registration report from Justin Godwin

### PO Boxes from Registration data

- For the purposes of re-districting PO Box records were added to the surrounding delivery zip code areas so they can be shown on a map
  - Example: PO Box records for 74465 have been added to the delivery zip code 74464 zip code.





## Geocoding

- Geocoding (pin pointing location of addresses) was performed for all 118,397 records.
  - Note: Geocoding is most precise in counties that have 911 data available.
  - Once geocoding was performed, 464 records were located in zip codes which are nowhere near the CN Jurisdiction & were therefore eliminated.
  - The total CN Citizenship Count was adjusted to 117,933 citizens to reflect the 464 difference.



# Border Zip Codes

- CN Citizenship totals for zip codes that cross the CN Jurisdiction have been adjusted to reflect the actual geocoded count of Citizens within the CN Jurisdiction.
  - 11,211 Citizens where found to be at large.
- The total CN Citizenship count was adjusted to **106,722 Citizens** within Cherokee Nation's Jurisdiction.
  - Note: Since 911 data is not available for McIntosh County all citizens where counted as in.



# Zip Codes within Jurisdiction

- Zip codes that have their geographic area completely within the CN Jurisdiction were split where they crossed County boundary lines.
  - Where geocoding could be used the citizenship totals for those areas were calculated to reflect the actual geocoded count.

# Zip Codes within Jurisdiction

- Where 911 data is not yet available the difference of the total citizenship count and the total geocoded count (for areas where 911 data is available) was assigned.
- Note: Geocoding is most precise in counties that have 911 data available.

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#### Landmarks

• Landmarks such as major/minor highways, roads, lakes, rivers, clinics, and casinos were added to help determine possible district boundaries.







# Splitting Zip Codes Further

- Where 911 data is available zip codes were split by major roads/highways to give more possibilities for creating districts.
- Once the geographic area of each zip code was split into smaller pieces, the Citizenship count was calculated to reflect the actual geocoded count.
  - Note: where 911 data is not available the previous calculated count was used.



### Adair County

- Unique, due to no 911 data, size of zip codes, and total Citizenship count in each zip code.
  – Total of 13,106 CN Citizen records for Adair.
- Makes it impossible to use zip code boundaries or geocoding to determine possible district boundaries.
- Proportionment/land base method was the only solution to determine possible district boundaries within the County.







#### Final Count

• Total Cherokee Nation Citizenship count is **106,722 Cherokee Citizens**.



