Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council
Regular Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
September 7, 2017
10:00 A.M.

Present: John Shotton, Chairman; Ted Grant, Vice Chairman; Darrell Kihega, Secretary; Courtney Burgess, Treasurer; Wesley Hudson, 1st Member; Melanie Harader, 2nd Member; Alvin Moore, 3rd Member.

Call to Order: Chairman Shotton called the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council Regular Meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. All present. A quorum was established and the meeting began.

Invocation: David EchoHawk, Grants Compliance/ICDBG

Guests present: Mike Gawhega, Executive Director; David EchoHawk, Grants Compliance/ICDBG; James LeClair, Emergency Management/Safety Coordinator; Eugene Big Soldier, OMCFSC Director and Donnie Childs, Health Services Director.

1st Item on Agenda: Meeting Minutes moved to next Regular Council Meeting.

2nd Item on Agenda: Head Start Update Report submitted by Head Start Director Sarah Kelly. Ms. Kelly handed out CACFP Attachment and fielded questions from Tribal Council. Policy Council Meeting was held on July 7, 2017 and August 25, 2017. Next Policy Council Meeting will be September 15, 2017 Governance Training. Parent Committee Meeting, Parent Round Up is September 14, 2017. Field Trips will be September 14, 2017 to Noble County Fair and October 12, 2017 to Fire Station #1 Ponca City, OK. Ms. Kelly also announced that Head Start will be having a Flu Shot Clinic in October.

3rd Item on Agenda: Chairman Shotton led discussion on Tribal Day Care operations. Executive Director Gawhega fielded questions from Tribal Council.

4th Item on Agenda: David EchoHawk, Eugene Big Soldier and Donnie Childs gave an update report and fielded questions from Tribal Council over the Otoe-Missouria Intertribal Veterans Stand Down Event.

5th Item on Agenda: Reaffirming Three (3) Resolutions all approved by Poll Votes. Reaffirming Resolution OMTC 2017 #080280. A Resolution Authorizing the Otoe-Missouria WIC Program to enter into a lease agreement with Waken and Company Real Estate, LLC of Enid, OK in the amount of $1,375.00 per month for a period of twenty-four months to begin on the first day of the calendar month following the opening for business.


The motion carried.


8th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 0907102 FY-2017. A Resolution to Authorize the Otoe-Missouria Tribe Title VI Senior Program to participate in the FY-2017 Tribal MIPPA Grant by the Administration for Community Living and the Administration on Aging to provide extended funding of $1000.00 for Outreach Services available to Tribal Senior Citizens, Native American Elders, and Spouses through Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy, Medicare savings Program or Medicare Prevention Benefits and Screenings. The motion carried.


10th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 0907104 FY-2017. A Resolution to Contract COJEEN Archaeological Services, LLC to conduct a complete research and survey of approximately 1 square mile (640 acres MOL) of the Chilocco Property adjacent to the 7 Clans Casino. Also, the acres West and North of the Tribal Complex, approximately .75 miles (480 acres MOL). Chairman Shotton inquired with Executive Director Gawhega to get with David EchoHawk to see about Environmental Research and Surveying the whole Complex and Keeping a file on. The motion carried.

11th Chairman Shotton handed out several items to view for next meeting.

12th Item on Agenda: Vice Chairman Grant led discussion over Burial Fund.

Resolution OMTC# 0907105 2017. A Resolution to approve the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians to Invest the Judgement Account and the Burial Judgement Account. The motion carried.

Resolution OMTC# 0907106 2017. A Resolution to Authorize 3 Council Members to conduct business with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. The motion carried.


Resolution OMTC# 0907108 FY-2017. A Resolution to approve the Issuance Amount for 3rd Quarter Per Capita Payment. The motion carried.

14th Item on Agenda: Donation of $500.00 Dollars to Dawn Lewis for assistance with the purchase of Tee Shirts for the Annual Essence Lewis Memorial Scholarship 5K. The motion carried.

15th Item on Agenda: Executive Director Gawhega discussed a Grant Writer Workshop, gave an Update Report and fielded questions from Tribal Council.

16th Item on Agenda: Treasurer Burgess led discussion over Tribal Elder Events.

17th Item on Agenda: Treasurer Burgess led discussion on James Black, Youth Leadership Director, Elsie Whitehorn, THPO Officer and Tribal Elders working together on a project.

18th Item on Agenda: Treasurer Burgess discussed working with Ashley Smith, HR Director and Ann Hopper, Enrollment Director on the AirMedCare Network development.

19th Item on Agenda: Vice Chairman Grant led discussion over helping Tribal Members affected by Hurricane Harvey. A $500.00 hundred-dollar Donation to the Otoe Baptist Church to help with supplies and their trip to Texas to help with Hurricane Harvey. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Grant also led discussion about the Roads and Parking Lots going on around Campus right now, using some of our Tribal Members to work on these projects.

With no other business to come before the Tribal Council, Vice Chairman Grant made the motion to adjourn at 11:48 A.M. The motion carried.