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President's Report

Fall is now here and winter is fast approaching. Time for change. This is the last newsletter that I will put together. We have hired Amber Luke as the Communications Manager. I hope that the content remains informational and that we can add other stories and details while making sure that we keep our people informed about what your tribal government is doing. It has been an honor and pleasure to be able to put this information out to you the last few years.

Newsletter

Today is Tuesday, December 9, 2014. This newsletter is running late and I want to apologize. This newsletter has always been one of the most important things that I believe our government should put out. I have been putting the newsletter together since July 2012. It has went out monthly with a couple of times falling behind but we caught up. Once I gathered all of the information and got into the newsletter, I had a lot of assistance in getting it out to our people. I have always told our staff that this is the one thing that goes out to all of our people and it is important that our people know what we are doing as a government to the extent that we can disclose information. In the middle of a land deal or other major project you aren't always able to disclose the details. I want to thank all of the staff for assisting with getting the newsletter out, Kay Ahtone, Gary McAdams, Charles Clark and previously Juanita Moore for proofreading it and usually with only an hour to get it done. Pamela Pogue and previously Juanita Moore for getting the addresses ready. Neesa Apauty for copying. Lois Samaniego for getting things ready with the copier to be able to copy. Especially all of the staff who helped fold and label enve--lopes. I truly appreciate those that took time from their day to help get this out to our people. The website and social media have also been part of my duties that I will no longer take care of. We hope that those remain informative also.

Communications Manager

Amber Luke was hired as the Communications Manager. Ms. Luke will now be putting the newsletter together. Amber will also be updating our website and social media. You can still email your information to newsletter@wichitatribe.com for the newsletter. We hope Amber will be able to include more stories about our members in the newsletter, keep the social media updated more frequently and keep the website updated daily for any changes. The staff will continue to help her get the newsletter out but she will be looking for alternative ways to distribute the newsletter.

AoA Program Improvements

The Wichita Executive Committee has been committed to improving our AoA Program. In the past year, we have been able to approve funds to purchase a salad bar, van, bus and created an actual director position for the program. Judy Onkoba has been hired as the director. We have already heard numerous compliments on the work Ms. Onkoba has done. We encourage our tribal elders to become members of the Administration on Aging Program. On December 8, 2014, the elders took a trip to Chickasha to see the lights. Ms. Onkoba has also scheduled for the elders to go see the Nutcracker over the next few weeks. We hope to continue to see improvements in the program.

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Administration & Other Building Updates

The first week of December, the Administration Building received new carpeting. Our building exterior will soon have some of the stucco repaired and the building will get a paint job. This is the main building that our tribal members and visitors for business see so we want to make sure that it is inviting to our people and visitors. The Family & Children Services Center recently received a new sign out in front of their building.

Wichita Travel Plaza

The Wichita Travel Plaza held its ribbon cutting ceremony on November 8, 2013. The Wichita Travel Plaza recently celebrated its one year anniversary on November 8, 2014. Tiffany Lonewolf, tribal member, currently serves as the manager.

Fiber Optic Lines

Fiber optic lines were recently installed on the complex. The installation of these lines will allow for us to better utilize technology in the future. We will be looking into live streaming various activities in the future.

Smoke Free Policy

On January 1, 2014, the Wichita Tribal Complex will become smoke free with the exception of tobacco utilized for traditional or ceremonial purposes. This policy will assist the Tribe in providing a safe and healthy work environment and will promote the health and well being of employees and all persons who visit the Wichita Tribal Complex. Employees have been made aware of the policy so that they will have time to adjust.

Meeting with Governor Fallin

On November 14, 2014, Tribal leaders met at the Phillips Pavilion on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion. Tribal leaders had lunch with Governor Mary Fallin. The Governor discussed the last four years of relations with the tribes, various compacts, and past meetings with Tribal leaders. Governor Fallin then opened the floor for discussion with Tribal leaders. The main topics of discussion were taxation, economic development of tribes, and how economic development pursuits by tribes benefit rural Oklahoma.

Community Building Policy

Our Community Building has seen a lot of recent use. In the next newsletter, we will give information on the policy for use of the building. This was a hard decision to make in regards to fees for use. We want it to be available to tribal members but we also need to make sure that we are able to take care of the building so in most cases there will be a fee for use.

Impact Aid-Anadarko Public Schools

I was unable to attend the Anadarko Public Schools School Board meeting on the Impact Aid and Indian Policies that was held on December 8, 2014. I did submit some questions to Cindy Hackney, Superintendent who responded immediately. Below are the questions and the responses that were received. This is not verbatim but gives you the majority of the information as it was responded to.

1. **How much Impact Aid money was received for 2014?**

Impact Aid is paid in what the Federal Government and the U.S. Department of Education call a LOT, which stands for Learning Opportunity Threshold. For FY 2014, the district was paid 80% of LOT, which was in the amount of $1,713,291.37. The LOT for this current school year is 64.11% of LOT, which means the payments will be significantly lower than last year. Since full LOT for this year would be $1,787,694.49 and we are only receiving 64.11% of LOT, that means the total for this current school year (2014-2015) will only be $1,146,090.93. Unfortunately, that is a projected decrease of $646,603.56 during this year alone.

2. **How many Indian students are enrolled in Anadarko Public Schools?**

There are 1,201 Indian students enrolled in Anadarko Public Schools as reported to the state department of education on October 1, 2014.

3. **How much is received for each student?**

The amount per student varies from year to year based on the % of LOT being distributed for the year and also whether a student is classified as special education. But if you take the total amount to be received this year of $1,146,090.93 divided by the number of students (1,201), it would be an average of $954.28 per student.

4. **Is there a budget for these specific funds or are they put into a general fund?**

As defined by the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of Impact Aid is to compensate local educational agencies for lost revenue due to tax-exempt federal property, therefore the use of the funds is not restricted in any way. Impact Aid funds are to be used for general operating purposes as allowed by state or local guidance, the same as all other general fund monies. Anadarko Public Schools also receives Title VII Indian Education funds and Johnson O'Malley funds, which sometimes the public confuses with Impact Aid funds. Title VII and Johnson O'Malley funds are run through David Sullivan's Indian Education program and are designated specifically for use with Indian students only. Both of those programs do have specific budgets as set forth in their program guidelines.

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Sugar Creek Casino

SCC-Event Center Update

The Event Center went up very fast. It was completed enough to hold the first event in September with the understanding that there were things that would have to be completed after the first events were held. We are still working to finish up a few things with the contractor. Our main focus is completing the floor, sound boards and other punchlist items on the final list that is being prepared.

Sugar Creek Casino Food Consultant

The Committee brought in a food consultant to assist with restructuring the café at Sugar Creek Casino. We hope that we will be able to make improvements to the buffet, café and overall experience that our patrons have when they visit the casino.

SCC-Accounting

Sugar Creek Casino recently lost the accounting manager who was a non-tribal member. The casino advertised and then the Committee did a review of the last internal audit. Taking into consideration the audit and the growth of the casino and the addition of the event center the Committee elected to contract out the accounting to Finley & Cook. We received the October financials which have been an improvement as they contain more detail. This was an additional expense but we believe that we are more confident in moving forward with projects with our improved monthly financials.

Water & Sewer & Master Plan

We have had a water and sewer study completed for the area around the Wichita Travel Plaza. In addition to this, we have had a conceptual master plan done of the property. We have three concepts so that we can adjust depending on the availability of water and sewer on the property. We hope that this will give us a road map for future development.

Past Wichita Presidents

In the past two years, I have shared my birthday in October with the youth of our Tribe. We spend a few hours learning language, playing games, and learning about our history. I believe that it is important to remember our past leaders who worked hard to get us to where we are today. I have found some pictures that we print just for that purpose but we would like something permanent. I am seeking 8 x 10 pictures of past Presidents. We would prefer the pictures be from their time in office but would accept any picture to remember them by. We would also like a write up of their accomplishments. We would like to hang these pictures at the museum once complete and then also place them on The website. I need them for the following: Lewis Zadoka, Myles Stephenson Sr., Newton Lamar, Margaret Bell, Vernon Haddon, Leslie Standing, Stuart Owings, Gary McAdams, Stratford Williams. We would also like to get a picture of Frank Miller.

WCD Issues

The sentencing for Robin Bitseedy, former employee of WCD Enterprises will be held today, December 9, 2014. We will provide an update in the next newsletter. We recently hired Paula Anderson as the Administrative Assistant for WCD Enterprises, Inc. Ms. Anderson is working on a part-time basis for now.

Special Council Meeting 11/15/2014

A Special Council Meeting was held on 11/15/2014 to discuss the blood quantum and absentee voting. We did not have enough for a quorum in the beginning however we took comments from those that made an effort to join us for the meeting. Tribal members who attended brought up the following for discussion: updating enrollment files, incentives for people to turn in documents that may be missing from files, the amount that the blood quantum should be lowered to, why people married outside the tribe, the effects of lowering the blood quantum, making all of those that received a per capita full blood members and issues with changing the blood quantum to full blood for those who are not especially when there are true full blood Wichita's still living.

Tribal members also brought up the following for discussion in regards to absentee voting: people out of the service area and out of state not receiving services, people in the service area getting multiple assistance, how we can legitimize votes, registering to vote, election board formation, and timing to get the items passed during an election.

The meeting was a good meeting with good discussion. Tribal members were able to discuss the issues openly without the pressure of needing to make an immediate decision. After the discussion, it was clear that we need to have a few more meetings like this before bringing the issues to a vote again. We will schedule another meeting in the spring.

Conclusion

We continue to strive to move forward in a positive direction. There are a lot of things that we will be working on in FY-2015. You can always contact me at terri.parton@wichitatribe.com. I ask for your continued prayers for our Tribe, your leaders, our elders and our youth. Happy Holidays and God bless you and your family!

Wichita Executive Committee Report-#1

Wichita Executive Committee Activity Summary July 1-September 30, 2014

Please note that this is just to give you a summary of the various issues discussed by the Committee and in some cases the things approved. This is not all inclusive but it is being provided to you to give you an idea of the various things that come before the Committee. Listed are the main topics with brief listings of things discussed.

07/01/2014-Special Meeting

- Tom Slamans-Meeting with Tom Slamans and Tom Dunlap regarding business development.
- Sugar Creek Casino-Discussion on gaming facility, punchlist for remodel and IHS inspection.
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Executive Session -Discussion on Wright Purchase, land exchange and Federal Charter.
- American Indian Exposition-Tara Tartsah-Discussion was held on princess election and approval for election.
- Minutes-Minutes tabled.
- Resolutions for Approval–Resolution-WT-14-135-Opening Cell Tower Account & Update; Resolution-WT -14-136-Approving a Farming & Grazing Lease-Wichita #158-A; Resolution-WT-14-137-Transfer Funds for Dance Building; Tabled-Resolution WT-14-138-Authorization of Funds & Sign Agreement for Water & Sewer Proposal; Tabled-Resolution-WT-14-139-Authorization of Funds & Sign Agreement for Master Plan
- Old Business-Approved sample ballots for July 19, 2014 Referendum Election, approved election procedures, discussion on insurance, discussion on AT&T, discussion on quotes for cemetery tree removal and discussion on food consultant for casino.
- New Business-Approved request from Health Programs for tribal client, denied tribal member request-not enough information, discussion on tribal member request, approved donation to Anadarko Public Schools and approved support letter for a grant by the OCAITHB.

07/08/2014-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator-Charles Tippeconnic-Asset Building grant application update, VOCA grant approved, TERO grant funding received, Compliance Officer monitoring, Summer Intern Schedule and dumpster issues.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-138-Water and Sewer Evaluation; WT-14-139-Master Plan for property around travel plaza; WT-14-140-Enrollment; WT-14-141-ANA Asset Building Grant-Tabled but approved by poll on 07/09/14; Resolutions WT-142-155 -Oil & Gas Leases for AIPRA Properties.
- Old Business-Approved ballot drafts and preparers for Referendum Election, discussion on PA system, Discussion on Sugar Creek Casino facility manager position and food consultant and entrance sign update.
- New Business-Approved TSSF request, approved donation for archery contest for Expo, approved IHS request letter and approval to hire a recording secretary for Annual Meeting.

07/14/2014-Regular Meeting

- Tribal Administrator Update--Reports update, policies and procedures discussion, HR issues, insurance update and AT&T fiber optic update.
- Finley & Cook Update-Updates were given on the audit, EPA water match, bank charges, TERO funding, grants expiring in September, Caregiver Program unused funds, VOCA grant training, BIA contract bids for services and Indirect Cost rate.
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Wright transaction, Federal Charter and Land Exchange.
- Wichita Tribe Sports Commission-Not able to attend.
- Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission-Update on WTIDC meeting where they discussed administrative capacity, vision statement and staff responsibilities. Update was given on Wichita Travel Plaza and the need to drive more patrons to the facility, costs for delivering services, reducing staffing, narrowing food choices, artist tables, drilling water well, tax relief from WTC and HVAC. Updates were given on Wichita Tribal Enterprises and Anadarko Industries including calling an owners meeting and roles and responsibilities.
- Wichita Tax Commission-Discussion was held on audit of collections for Oil & Gas Severance Taxes, tax issues that other tribes in Oklahoma are facing and conference on those issues, hunting and fishing licensing, Smoke Shop expansion and other properties, possessory interest tax, hotel tax, financials and direct deposit setup for Smoke Shop.
- Wichita Gaming Commission-Discussion on minutes for WGC, policy approvals, card crap game, budget, facility license fee, internal audit, surveillance

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- budget, external audit, IHS inspection and fingerprinting.
- Old Business-Sugar Creek Casino discussion on storage units, invoices and administrative leave.
- New Business-Approved Resolution WT-14-156 to transfer funds for Indirect Cost and FY-2015 budget draft for review.

07/15/2014-Special Meeting

- Business Presentation-Meeting with potential business consultant.
- Sugar Creek Casino-Glen Coleman-Discussion was held on brochure for council meeting, construction, storage units and contents, insurance, AT&T account and phones, RV Hookups, food consultant, contracts for games, NOC from WGC, card crap game and games to be sold.
- Wichita Housing Authority-Submitted quarterly report and Indian Housing Plan for 2015. Discussion was held on metal roofs for houses, security guards needed, waterline problem with swimming pool, swimming pool expenses, turnover and audit.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-157-Ban of Talia Anquoe from tribal complex for assault; WT-14-158-Transportation Priority List Revision for FY-2014.
- Old Business-Approved submission of FY-2015 budget draft to council for comment, approved forms for Referendum Election, update on pendletons, approved Expo donation for portable toilets and approved stenographer for Annual General Council Meeting.
- New Business-Approved invoice payment for Finley & Cook, tribal member requests denied and approved.

07/22/2014-Special Meeting

- Builders Unlimited-Discussion was held on the Community Building Renovation. Topics included painting, floor stain, exterior concrete, gas line, millwork, doors, frames, HVAC ducts, plumbing, lighting and final walk through on August 26.
- ICDBG Grant Submission-Mr. Gerald Collins gave an overview of the ICDBG grant.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-159-ICDBG Grant Submission; WT-14-160-Enrollment; WT-14-161-SCC Game Lease; WT-14-162-SCC Food Consultant Implementation Plan; WT-14-163-Removal of Trees from Cemetery-Tabled; WT-14-164-Transfer funds for Dance Building Renovation.
- Old Business-Entrance sign samples, approval to extend temporary ICDBG position to 09/30/2014, approval for election official compensation, stenographer for Executive Committee Meeting minutes, minimum wage discussion, budget discussion, SCC Oversight Board discussion, information on pendletons, dumpsters for the Expo, RWI information regarding insurance, NIGC, and Title IVB information.
- New Business-Denied newspaper ad request for Carnegie Herald, update on other properties available and Cell Tower Program update.

07/31/2014-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator Update-Charles Tippeconnic-Personnel issues, approval to advertise for Special Diabetes Director, employee issue, AoA van update, discussion on quotes for tables and chairs for Community Building, Community Building contract worker issue and Children's Clothing update.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-163-Cemetery Tree Removal previously tabled from 07/22/14; WT-14-165-Release of 4th quarter funds for WGC; WT-14-166-Release of 4th quarter funds for WTC; WT-14-167-Purchase and funding for expo bracelet tickets for children; WT-14-168-Partnership Agreement for Deer Creek Site; WT-14-169-Waiver of Sales Tax for Wichita Travel Plaza for 6 months; WT-14-170-Budget and temporary extension of Cell Tower Administrator.
- Old Business-Entrance sign discussion on design, stenographer update, pendlenton update, approval to pay for expo dumpsters, approval to provide information to RWI for insurance, information on SCC Food Consultant, water and sewer evaluation update, discussion on SCC Oversight Board and discussion on Absentee Voting.
- New Business-WHA request, tabled HSDW invoice, tabled submitting the notice of intent for Hazard Mitigation Program, approval for Staples account, approval to pay membership to NCAI for President instead of tribal membership, information on OIGA Conference, discussion on Land Buy Back Program, discussion on negotiated land sale with tribal members and purchasing fractionated land, approved flag donation for Oklahoma History Center and discussion was held on Expo parade, Riverside School Board and SCC Event Center fire suppression system.

08/05/2014-Special Meeting

- Wichita Gaming Commission-Discussion on backlog of policy revisions, TICS, external audit, card crap game, IT, cage, vault, budget, equipment, training, internal auditor, compliance office, space cost and vendor fees.

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- Sugar Creek Casino-Tabled waterline bids until Corp reviews and the need to replace shuttle.
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Wright properties, other properties, DHS contract, Land Exchange, Gaming Ordinance revisions and cemetery.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-171-Enrollment; WT-14-172-NOI for Hazard Mitigation Plan; WT-14-173-Release of funds for 2014 Annual Dance; WT-14-174-Amendment of Child Care Provider Contract; WT-14-175-Land Use Agreement for SCC; WT-14-176-F&G Lease Agreement for AIPRA Land; WT-14-177-Purchase Tables & Chairs for Dance Building; WT-14-178-Finance and Purchase of Wright Properties; WT-14-179-Transfer Funds for Wright Properties.
- Old Business-Approved CCDF request for staff, approved HSDW invoice, approved President to sign contact for cemetery tree removal and update on Expo bracelet purchase.
- New Business-Denied request for PowerPoint from Annual Meeting, information OIG audit letter, consensus to move forward with sexual assault grant, approved TSSF requests, tabled TSSF request, approved positions descriptions for VOCA and ICW Caseworkers, discussion on pros and cons for Absentee Voting and AoA Director issues.

08/12/2014-Special Meeting

- Meeting with Wright Hotel Development and Thalden, Boyd, Emery-Not previously scheduled on agenda-Discussion on Event Center.
- Tribal Administrator Update-Discussion on employee issues, vacancies, update on employees working on Annual Dance, update on AoA vehicle quotes, information on audit quotes provided, WCDC employee termination issue, VAWA grant, AoA Director issues, grants and backhoe.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-180-Enrollment; WT-14-181-Bank Account for Hinton Travel Inn; WT-14-182-SCC Change Order for Waterline with WHD; WT-14-183-SCC Game Lease; WT-14-184-Revisions for Gaming Ordinance; WT-14-185-VAWA Grant-Denied Approval; WT-14-186-Release of Funds for Tribally Funded Programs.
- Old Business-Approval for President to sign forms for services for Hinton Travel Inn, need approval of manager salary for Hinton Travel Inn, approval to outsource accounting for Hinton Travel Inn with Sanders, Welch & Wallis, update on SCC Event Center mechanics lien, Merit update, SCC Food Consultant update, Water and Sewer evaluation update and tabled discussion on Special Council Meeting.
- New Business-Tabled Kitikiti'sh Scholarship application selection, tabled Amerind commitment letter, update on TSSF request and approved TSSF request, approval of donation requests for state rings for Wichita students and approval for President to speak at the First Nations Development Institute Conference in Washington State regarding ONAC grant for savings accounts with expenses paid by FNDI.

08/19/2014-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator-Charles Tippeconnic-Update on vacancies and WEC approved Bledsoe & Associates for FY-2015 audit. Update on AT&T fiber optic line and AoA vehicle quotes,
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-187-Purchase Bus for AoA Program; WT-14-188-Purchase AoA Van-Tabled; WT-14-189-Enrollment; WT-14-190-Release of Funds for Tribally Funded Programs; WT-14-191-Release of funds for Indirect Cost Supplement.
- Old Business-Wright properties closing update including insurance, inventory, bank account, merchant services, accounting, vendors and cash deposits for Hinton Travel Inn. Update on financials for hotel, food consultant, water & sewer evaluation and master plan. Motion for Special Election to remove the word "present" from Governing Resolution to allow Absentee Voting failed. Approval to authorize Lancer Stephens, Heather Shotten and Karen Rose to make selection for scholarship applications. Update on town property clean up bids and update on cemetery.
- New Business-Information on land sale requests, approval for WTSC to sanction fight for another tribe, information from Treasurer on opportunity for investment of funds, approval to pay President's membership with UINOKT instead of tribal membership, tabled tribal member request, approved ad, information on OU Museum of Art request and update on WCD issue regarding Robin Bitseedy.

08/20/2014-Special Meeting

- Guernsey-Discussion on Conceptual Master Plan, discussion with City Manager of Anadarko on water and sewer line, discussion on funding options and review of draft evaluation.
- Corp of Engineers-Discussion on event center not being finished by the first event, restrooms, stage, pre-function area and fire protection, electrical, parking, building class, safety, roof, sinks, high use areas, stairwell and paint.

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- Old Business-Updates on Hinton Travel Inn, Wright Properties, Kitikiti'sh Scholarship selection and cemetery tree removal.
- New Business-Tribal member requests approved, tabled and denied.

08/26/2014-Special Meeting

- Builders Unlimited-Late-Moved to Old Business
- Old Business-Hinton Travel Inn update including inventory, bank account, merchant services, accounting, vendors, cash deposits and payroll. Approval of acknowledgement of Haley Stroud and Dustin Davilla selected by the reviewers for the Kitikiti'sh Scholarship.
- New Business-Approved for Juvenile Services cyberbullying event, approved Cell Tower Administrator travel, approval to purchase Warrior Yearbook ad and approved payment of invoice for stenographer for Annual General Council Meeeting.
- Builders Unlimited-Discussion on punchlist, cracks hot water heater, stove, HVAC, restrooms, east doors, floor, seven days to complete list, training to be held on last day, fire suppression, fire alarm and electrical. Two weeks to substantial completion and manuals will be ready. Discussion was held on monitoring fire suppression. Approval to purchase privacy fence as a change order. Approved Resolution-WT-14-192 to transfer funds for pay app for Dance Building.
- Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission-Update on SBA and Wichita Tribal Enterprises and owners meeting scheduled for September 17, 2014.

08/27/2014-Special Meeting

- Wichita Gaming Commission-Discussion on fees for gaming vendors, new inspectors, badge system, training, Paycom, background investigator, surveillance and complaints.
- Tribal Administrator-Charles Tippeconnic-Updates on AoA Bus, AoA van quotes, vacancies, approval to concur with Special Diabetes Director position and approval for Case Management Aide/Office position description for ICW.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-193-Engagement Letter with Bledsoe & Associates for FY-2014 audit; WT-14-194-Enrollment; WT-14-195-Van Purchase for AoA-Previously tabled under WT-14-188; Amended WT-14-187– Bus Purchase price description and price.
- Old Business-Approval to invoice WTC for space costs for FY-2014, approval to waive tribal tax for Smoke Shop and Travel Plaza until an evaluation can be done; Update on cemetery waterline and dirt work, update on hotel, update on food consultant for SCC, information from WHA regarding housing on purchased properties in Hinton, town property lot will need to get additional bid and approval to sign Amerind commitment letter.
- New Business-Approval for OU student to access funerary objects, approval for letter of interest with City of Anadarko, discussion on Spirit Walker Films presentation for Council Meeting, approval of tribal member request from Health Programs, approval of PSSF request and approval of tribal member request for employee recognition.

09/09/2014-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator-Charles Tippeconnic-Quotes on van for AoA, AoA bus picked up, WCDC open house information, update on vacancies, approved increase for payroll oversight, information on meeting with Amerind and discussion on Communications position.
- Sugar Creek Casino-Glen Coleman-Update on Event Center ribbon cutting ceremony, approved contract with Caddo Electric for 80 acre tract lighting and information on FY-2015 budget. Discussion was held on attendance policy and point system, salary increases, employee committee, mentoring program, new games and surveillance transition.
- Wichita Gaming Commission-Discussion was held on new hire, bandwidth use at casino, training, use of trailers for WGC offices and internal audit report.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-196-CSBG Grant submission; WT-14-197-LIHEAP grant submission; WT-14-198-Enrollment; WT-14-199-Relinquishment of Whitney Pino; WT-14-200-Relinquishment of Rylee Pino; WT-14-201-Release of Funds for Tribal Funded Programs; WT-14-202-Authorizing Payment for HIgh-School Pictures and Announcement for FY-2015 budget.
- Old Business-Community Building update and use, Wright properties payment update, Texaco Property payoff, discussion on gaming enterprise board, discussion on high school pictures and announcement issues.
- New Business-Approved TSSF request, discussion on WHA building ramp for Lamont Standing, denied approval for Apache High School ad that is not affiliated with school, approved HSDW invoices, approved resignation of Gary McAdams from WTIDC Board, discussion on AARP banquet, approved payment of airfare for President for NAFOA conference to be reimbursed by NAFOA, discussion on CHR's not transporting and discussion on princess crown.

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09/16/2014-Special Meeting

- Finley & Cook-Discussion on financials, LIHEAP funds, closing old general revenue account, Wichita Tribe Sports Commission budget, payment for Wright Properties and the agreement for casino accounting.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-203-BIA-638 Social Services Contract; WT-14-204-BIA-638-Aid to Tribal Government Contract; WT-14-205-BIA-638-Higher Education Contract; WT-14-206-BIA-638-Adult Education Contract; WT-14-207-BAI-638-Job Placement & Training Contract; WT-14-208-Enrollment.
- Old Business-SCC food consultant update, approved additional inspections for Event Center by Corp of Engineers, discussion on PTO at Sugar Creek Casino, information given on master plan for Wichita Travel Plaza area and approved food purchase for Special General Council Meeting.
- New Business-Approved tribal member education requests, discussion on putting audit information on the website, approving CCA request, discussion on WTSC Commissioner-Mike Snyder running for a national board position , discussion on consultant, approved higher education budget for FY-2015 to begin disbursement for fall classes.

09/23/2014-Special Meeting

- Sugar Creek Casino-Glen Coleman-Discussion on game purchase, approved casino to use portion of 80 acre tract for parking, food consultant, bar sales and overstaffing, PTO policy, intern position, FY-2015 budget, accounting, employee incentive program, minimum wage and groupons.
- Resolutions for Approval-WT-14-209-Close General Revenue account at Midfirst Bank; WT-14-210-Accounting Services with Finley & Cook for Sugar Creek Casino.
- Old Business-Approved education request, approved new positions for Juvenile Services, ICW and Food Distribution, approved advertising for Communications Manager and Cell Tower Administrator, approved for increase to the Wichita Gaming Commission supplement in FY-2015 budget, discussed putting Wright Properties and Pendleton payment in FY-2015 budget, concur with selection of Samuel Riffel for Transportation Director, Lois Samaniego selected for VOCA position, approved COLA increase of 4% to be effective 09/28/2014 for Tribal Government employees, approved Mike Snyder, WTSC running for nation board position if he chooses, discussion on tribal investments, approved class rings and other memorabilia sold with pictures as allowable for High School Seniors, discussion was held on the CCDF feasibility study and outsourcing the billing for CCDF.
- New Business-Approved HSDW invoice, set meeting for water and sewer discussion with Guernsey, approved donation to Stands For It foundation.

09/27/2014-Special General Council Meeting

- Wright Property Purchase Information-Handouts were provided regarding information on the Wright Property purchase. Brief discussion was held.
- Hotel-Information-Update was given on a LOI that was signed.
- Gaming Board Formation Update-Update was given on some of the board formations of other tribes that were being reviewed.
- Intern Position for Sugar Creek Casino Update-The Council was informed that the Committee is looking a position for a Assistant General Manager along with a Mentorship Program. Discussion was held on HR, intern fellowships and goals for moving staff up through a mentorship program.
- Absentee Voting Discussion and Petition-Discussion was held on auditing enrollment, updating addresses and expression of why absentee voting was needed for those who are sick, may be out of town, and those who want to participate but can't because of travel whether out of town or out of state. A petition was presented to call a Referendum Election just to remove the words "present being" from the Governing Resolution and add the words "of those casting votes" to allow Absentee Voting. Only seven (7) signed and two (2) other inquiries were sent in via email.
- Governing Resolution Changes Such As Blood Quantum-Discussion was held on having another meeting to discuss wording for another Referendum Election.
- FY-2015 Budget from the Annual Council Meeting-Discussion was held on the budget and some line items that would need to be changed. Including adding the Cell Tower Administrator, Wright Properties, AoA Director and payment for Pendletons. Information was provided on new jobs created including Juvenile Services Assistant and ICW Caseworker. Information was given on the Tribe taking over the 638-ICW Program for the Caddo Nation. Information was given on the need to increase the budget for the Newsletter with the hiring of a Communications Manager and increasing the WGC supplement. Information was given on new funding in the FY-2015 Budget that includes Home Improvements Program, banquet for graduates,

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- summer school assistance, pictures/announcements/ rings, increased education funds from $1,500 to $2,000 per semester for full time students and the new dental and orthodontics programs.
- Minimum Wage-Discussion was held on the need to raise minimum wage.
- Items to Vote On

* *Rock Springs Cemetery Flower Removal*-Motion to approve removal of flowers from graves at the Rock Spring Cemetery three (3) weeks after major holiday with a notice in the newsletter. Motion passed 28-0-0.

* *Language Video Proposal by Tribal Member*-A presentation was given by Raymond Davilla, tribal member and an owner of Spirit Walker Films, LLC, to do a language video for $69,811.76. Mr. Davilla explained that the video would take 3 1/2 months to record and edit and it would be a 60 minute documentary with 10 hours of DVD recordings. Craig Watkins explained that he could do similar demo for free with the equipment. The Council was also given some information on a language app for phones that there appears to be some interest in pursuing. Motion was made to table until both Mr. Davilla and Mr. Watkins could provide demos. Motion passed 18-1-2.

* *Employee Incentives*-Discussion was held on a proposal for employee incentives that was brought to the Council because of concerns about employees getting incentives for length of service and tribal members not receiving other benefits from gaming. Motion was made to base employee incentives off evaluations and merit and for the WEC to implement a tribal minimum wage of $10 per hour. Motion passed 16-0-0.

* *Purchasing Fractionated Land from Tribal Members*-Explanation was given on the tribal members approaching the Tribe about purchasing their fractionated interests. President Parton explained that this was being brought to the General Council because it would mean that we would be using tribal funds to buy interests from tribal members. Discussion was held on prioritizing purpose, locations of land available, non-Indian ownership, specific use of land, whether the tribe will get the income from the land, and how we would manage the land. Motion was made to pursue looking into the purchase of fractionated interests. Motion passed 14-3-1.

- *Discussion On Things The Council Would Like To See Implemented*-Gardens, Revenue Allocation Plan, farming, storm shelters, youth shelter, computer lab, increases for employees including incentives and bonuses and a newspaper.

09/30/2014-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator-Charles Tippeconnic-Discussion was held on AoA issues and WCDC issues. Approved position descriptions for Cell Tower Administrator, Food Distribution Warehouse Assistant II, AoA Van Driver, AoA Activities Coordinator, Community Development Block Grant Director, AoA Caregiver Director, Air Quality Coordinator, Juvenile Services Program Assistant and Family & Children Services Caseworker. Approved extension for temporary ICDGB positon until a director is hired.
- Sugar Creek Casino-Glen Coleman-Discussion was held on the Event Center floor, guttering, punchlist, dirt and sound board, entertainment, alcohol license issue, approved PTO requirement to give 7 days advance notice instead of 10 days, approved no point system and a one time bonus based on points giving a bigger bonus to those that do not have points, tabled monthly bonus, tabled mentoring program, tabled assistant manager, approved electronic signatures to include in resolution.
- Resolutions for Approval –WT-14-211-SCC-FY-2015 Budget; WT-14-212-Transfer of Funds for Dance Building; WT-14-213-Enrollment; WT-14-214-Increase Minimum Wage to $10; WT-14-215-Rights of Ways Consultation Resolution; WT-14-216-Reappoint Rachel Crawford to WTIDC; WT-14-217-Reappoint Benjamin Hatfield to WTIDC; WT-14-218-Guidelines for Dental and Orthodontic Programs for FY-2015; WT-14-219-General Fund Consolidated Budget for FY-2015; WT-14-220-Closure of Supervised Account; WT-14-221-Closoure of Supervised Account; WT-14-222-Electronic Signatures for SCC; WT-14-223-Transfer of Funds for Tribally Funded Programs; WT-14-224-Transfer of Funds for Indirect Cost; WT-14-225-LOCCS System User for HUD Grants; WT-14-226-Cemetery Dirt Work.
- Remaining Agenda-Tabled

Waco Moccasins

The only Waco Indian moccasins known to exist. These were excavated in Bosque County, Texas and are believed to be from the period of 1780 to 1820. The moccasins are located at the Taylor Museum in Waco, Texas.

Wichita's Visit Waco

President Terri Parton, James Ross, Dr. Earl Elam and Gary McAdams

James Ross, President Terri Parton and Gary McAdams stand beside one of the live oaks and the monument discussed on page 9.

President Additional Meetings

Quarter-July 1 to September 30, 2014. The number in front represents the number of meetings.

- 3-Inter-Tribal Health Board Meetings-07/10/14 (IHS-Anadarko), 08/07/14 (IHS-Lawton-Fran Harrison attended for the President), 09/04/14 (IHS-Anadarko)
- 3-WCD-07/10/14, 08/28/2014, 09/11/2014
- 1-American Indian Exposition Parade-08/06/2014
- 1-American Indian Exposition events including the Princess reception-08/06/2014-08/09/2014
- 1-Wichita Annual Dance-08/14/2014-08/17/2014
- 1-Meeting with SCC Event Center Team-08/12/2014
- 1-OIGA-Briefly-08/12/2014
- 1-Meeting with tribal leaders and Justice Sonia Sotomayor-09/11/2014
- 1-Financials Meeting with Finley & Cook-09/16/2014
- 1-Hotel Developer-09/17/2014
- 1-Conference Speaker-Native American Finance Officers Association-Paid by NAFOA-09/21/2014 to 09/23/2014
- 1-Conference Speaker-First Nations Development Institute-Paid by FNDI-09/24/2014-09/26/2014
- Also attended several other meetings

Home Rehabilitation Program for Enrolled Elders (Oklahoma Service Area)

The Wichita Housing Authority began accepting applications from enrolled Wichita tribal elders, living in the State of Oklahoma, for home improvement needs on December 1, 2014. The program has been established with funding provided by the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Executive Committee. The target of the program is to address needs of elders who own their home and have issues dealing with health and safety. Applicants will need to bring proof of ownership of the home and their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood. A elder is defined as someone over the age of 55 years.

Each application received will be time stamped for sequencing first in first processed. However, a situation deemed an emergency will have priority. Funding is limited.

Applications may be picked up at the Wichita Housing Authority located in the ISCANI Community north of the Wal-Mart. Enrolled Wichita Elders that are not local can call (405) 247-7470 to have the applications mailed or faxed.

(Please note that the program is designed to address health and safety needs.)

Wichita's Visit Waco

Visiting Waco
By Gary McAdams, Cultural Planner

On October 8th President Parton and I left the complex about 7:30 AM to travel to Waco, TX. We arrived there about 1:00 PM. After checking into our rooms at the Colcord House, we were joined by tribal member, James Ross. About 2:30 PM our sponsor Linda Pelon from McLennan Community College, Garrett Cook from Baylor University and Mary Graves from the Texas Historic Tree Coalition arrived to take us to the Stone site, a Tawakoni village that was occupied during the early 18th century. Garrett Cook told us about the history of the site and the archaeological work that had been done there.

We next went to the Waco village site in Waco where the dedication ceremony would be held on Friday. There is a monument at this site which states that the Comanche attacked the village and drove the Waco away from here. Actually, it was the Cherokee that attacked the village. The dedication ceremony would be to erect a supplemental monument that would correct the information on the original monument and to also designate the live oak trees located there as historic trees. One of the live oak trees at the site is estimated to be 800 years old. This site is also the location of the Taylor Museum. At this time plans were made to meet back here the next day to tour the museum and to be interviewed by James B. Smith, reporter from the Waco Tribune/Herald.

After leaving the Waco village site we went to the Homestead Heritage Farm Restaurant for a sack lunch supper and to view some of the sites in the area that Linda thought might have been important to the Waco. One particular area was a cliff from which you could look down on the Brazos River valley. From this spot it might have been possible to see the settlement at the Stone site. The manager of the restaurant also told us that many people had reported finding artifacts in different places on the property. We were also shown an alleged "marker tree". Marker trees are trees whose limbs or trunk have been bent horizontally by Native Americans for use as landmarks. The Comanches claim that their ancestors practiced this method of creating landmarks.

The next day at 10:00 AM we went to the interview at the Taylor Museum and looked at the Wichita exhibits. After the interview we met with the owner of the property, Helen Marie Taylor, for a photo op under the historic live oak trees. We then paid a visit to the Carroll Library at Baylor University to look for pictures related to the Waco tribal members who visited Waco in 1912.

That evening we attended the reception at McLennan Community College held for us and Dr. Earl Elam. Afterward we took part in a panel discussion on Wichita history in Texas which began with a brief lecture by Dr. Elam. Then each of us made opening remarks about our visit and there was a Q&A session.

We left the morning of the 10th at about 4:30 AM to return home so that President Parton could attend the funeral service of a tribal member. James Ross remained to attend the dedication ceremony. We arrived at the complex around 10:00 AM.

We were asked numerous times how it felt to visit the area previously settled by our ancestors. I never really responded to this question. It seemed like the expectation was for us all to express some feeling of homecoming. That would have been the feel good answer. But, that was not the feeling I had. Upon reflection I would have to say that I mainly felt sad. I get the same feeling when I visit our tribal cemetery and see the graves of the many infants and children from the early decades of the past century. Though I am sure that our ancestors were thankful for every blessing they received and were forgiving for transgressions against them, the history of our people and of all Indian people is one of decimation and diminishment. The sites we visited contained only a few hundred people at the time they were occupied. Two centuries before this time there were thousands of Wichitas. I can only imagine the hardship and sorrow my ancestors endured. And as a former tribal leader I am especially sensitive to the many challenges faced by the Chiefs of those times. War and disease, their status as a nation marginalized and subjugated. How they must have felt. To rise up each day and give thanks and be rewarded with the relentless march of western civilization. To end up confined on a reservation for protection and not be protected. To be removed to a place with a promise that it will always be yours only to have it given to others. And yet we endure, but only as a shadow of ourselves, a miniscule fraction of ourselves. If left alone, what would we have become? We are left to wonder and within our core to ever feel cheated.

Pendleton's for Sale in Gift Shop

Foster Parents

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES DEPARTMENT is looking for individuals who are interested in becoming certified as a Foster Care Provider for our Wichita children as well as other Native American children who have been removed from their homes and are either in State or Tribal custody. All Oklahoma Tribes are expressing a need for more foster homes for our children. If you have the time to spend with a child, can pass a background check, have room in your home, have a desire to help children in need and are able to provide a safe and loving environment then please contact our office at (405) 247-8620 and get the application process started.

You will always stand taller when you kneel to help a child.

Program Offered by IHS

Screening Mammography Self-Referral Now Available

The Lawton Service Unit now accepts self-referrals for screening mammography services. The annual screening mammogram is appropriate for normal, healthy women over 40 who are not having any breast symptoms. Patients should report to the Lawton Indian Hospital Radiology Department to schedule a screening mammogram. Where there's an open appointment time, they may be able to be screened immediately. Mammograms are also done at the Anadarko or Carnegie clinic when the mobile mammogram unit is on site, ask a nurse to schedule your appointment. You may also call to schedule an appointment. The number to call at Lawton is (580)354-5570, at Carnegie (580) 654-1100 or at Anadarko (405) 247-7900. Let them know you want to schedule a mammogram.

Address Updates

Please send address updates to:
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Enrollment
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005

Pendletons
$180

Rock Springs Cemetery Clean Up

The Maintenance Staff will be clearing out old flowers on and around the graves. They will not bother the tops of the graves unless there are dead flowers that need to be removed to help with the weed control. Please contact the tribal office if you have any questions or concerns.

Want to get the Newsletter by email?

Please send an email to newsletter@wichitatribe.com. You will be able to receive the newsletter days ahead of the paper copy.

You can also access it the day it comes out on www.wichitatribe.com.

Tribal Enrollment
As of 10/31/2014
2,806

Collections and Distributions to the Tribe

Wichita Executive Committee Meetings and Compensation

Meetings:

- 14 Special Meetings-July 1-September 30, 2014
- 1 Regular Meeting-July 14, 2014-In accordance with Governing Resolution.
- 1-Special General Council Meeting

Compensation for Meetings for Elected Officials:

- Committee Members are compensated $300 per meeting. President is compensated $300 if meeting is after 5:00. Most meetings are after 5:00. Many Committee Members work outside of being Committee Members which is common with other tribes. As approved 09/30/2014 with FY-15 Budget.
- President's salary is $54,080.00 includes COLA. On average 55-60 hours per week. As approved 09/30/2014 with FY-15 Budget.

Notice
ORAL AUCTION ONLY

Sale of Oil and Gas Mining Leases

Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Fort Sill Apache, Caddo, Delaware, and Wichita
Tribal & Allotted Indian Lands
Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Anadarko Agency, Oral Auction to be held on
December 12, 2014

ORAL AUCTION bidding will begin at 9:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, December 12, 2014 in the Mildred Cleghorn Conference Room, located at the Anadarko Agency, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Bidding will be conducted for the leasing of Alloted and/or Tribal lands within the Anadarko Agency jurisdictional area, which includes Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Kiowa, Stephens, Tillman and Washita Counties, Oklahoma, for Oil and Gas Mining purposes.

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Oil and Gas Severance Tax Collections Reported for FY-2014 October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

October	$37,307.24
November	$36,946.50
December	$37,039.18
January	$44,631.85
February	$36,055.21
March	$40,614.51
April	$38,110.81
May	$40,157.98
June	$35,349.44
July	$39,674.17
August	$33,872.75
September	$32,518.19

Casino Distributions to the Tribe Reported for FY-2014 October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

October	$513,882.76
November	$322,905.70
December	$373,219.65
January	$342,055.82
February	$281,874.08
March	$393,497.31
April	$267,138.63
May	$424,515.80
June	$334,959.44
July	$405,364.16
August	$405,364.16
September	$500,074.27

Wichita's Doing Great Things

Employee Recognition
Nahusheah Mandujano

Myles Stephenson Sr. is a tribal elder and former tribal President. Myles recently told his story of illnesses that he was able to overcome and the person that made a difference in his life. Myles asked that the Wichita Executive Committee recognize the efforts and dedication of Nahusheah Mandujano, an enrolled tribal member, for the care that she provided to him in her position as Public Health Nurse. Ms. Mandujano has been a tremendous help to Mr. Stephenson over the last year with several illnesses and has accompanied him to several doctors appointments. Ms. Mandujano continues to monitor Mr. Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson feels that she is deserving of recognition. Mr. Stephenson asked that the tribe recognize her for her efforts. The Wichita Executive Committee recognized that Ms. Mandujano has been an asset to our tribal people, especially elders, in providing care for their health needs. Congratulations Nasi for a job well done in taking care of our elders and our people!

Charlene Harris
Working to Improve Our Gift Shop

Charlene Harris, enrolled tribal member and Procurement Manager, has been hard at work getting new items for our Wichita Tribal Gift Shop. Charlene worked on getting the new Pendletons and has also been working on getting the new shirts, aprons, coasters and sun shades. She has additional items in the works. Ms. Harris takes pride in working for her people. Ms. Harris is shown on the left with the first Pendlenton blanket out of the box. Keep up the good work Charlene!

Wichita Service Club
Feeds Local Veterans on Veterans Day

On November 11, 2014, the Wichita Service Club cooked breakfast for local veterans on Veterans Day. The Wichita Service Club has a long history of providing this warm meal to veterans in honor of their service to our country. We were able to get the Club to pose for a picture after a long morning of cooking We were able to group them by families with the elder members sitting in the front row. Pictured below on the back row left to right: Debra Lonewolf, Robin White, Nahushseah Mandujano, Betty Kauley, Johnathan Querdibitty, Carissa Williams; Front row from left to right: Betty Wolfe, Doris McLemore and Shirley Davilla.

Vacancy Announcements

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission Inspectors

The Wichita Tribe Sports Commission has immediate openings for both male and female inspectors for the boxing and MMA events at Sugar Creek Casino in Hinton, OK. Duties include monitoring fighters and seconds, both prefight and during the event to ensure the safety of the fighters and ensure strict adherence to the rules and regulations set forth by the commission. No experience is necessary. All inspectors will obtain training and certification by the commission. Applicants must be available on Fridays and Saturdays to be considered. Applicants must be willing to submit to a background investigation and drug test. Interested parties may obtain an application at the Administration Building at the Wichita Tribe Complex located 1 1/4 miles North of Anadarko on Hwy 281. Indian Preference applies. Closing date is July 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. however the Commission will continue to take applications for future events. If you have any questions, please call Commissioner Matt Roberson at 405-623-4191. Tribal Members are encouraged to apply.

WCDC JOB BANK APPLICATIONS

Wichita Child Development Center (WCDC) will be collecting applications for the center's job bank for on-call/substitute/ future positions:

- Teachers with Bachelors in Early Childhood
- Teachers with Associates in Early Childhood
- Teachers with CDA/CCP (or be willing to obtain within 18 months of hire)
- Teacher Assistants, willing to obtain required training/ certifications
- Cook with food handler's permit (or be willing to obtain within 1 month)

All positions must possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License and have adequate transportation. These positions require a successful background check and drug screening. Salary is contingent upon education and experience. Application acceptance is on-going.

Please submit application, cover letter and resume to:

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005
Phone 405/247-2425 ~ Fax 405/247-2430

Commissioner Vacancy

The following Commission currently has one vacancy:

Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission

If you are interested in serving on this Commission then please submit a cover letter, and resume to the address below. The vacancy will remain open until filled.

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Fax: (405) 247-2430

SUGAR CREEK CASINO

CASINO JOB POSTINGS

Security Supervisor
Security Officer
Part Time Event Staff/Security
Part Time Player's Club
Housekeeping
Cart Driver
Dishwasher
Cook

Sugar Creek Casino is now accepting applications for the above position(s).

Open Until Filled

All applications must be submitted to the Sugar Creek Casino's Human Resources Department by fax 405-542-2949, mail Sugarcreek Casino 5304 N. Broadway, Hinton, OK 73047 or Sugarcreek Casino Website @ http://www.sugarcreekcasino.net
Wichita & Affiliated Tribal Member & Indian Preference Considered.
(These Positions are subject to being filled internally.)

Elder Activities

Christmas Ham Gift Cards

The Tribal Social Services Fund Program will be distributing Wal-Mart gift cards to elders for the purchase of Christmas hams. The cards will be in the amount of $20. The age for eligibility is 55 years and older. If you live out of our local area or are unable to come into our office, you can request an application be sent to you by contacting our office. If you wish to have someone come in and pick up your card we must have a written statement with the person's name of who you are giving permission to. Proper identification must be submitted with the application and/or at the time of pick up. Please contact Cynthia Billy, Ty Tofpi or Jamee Ware if you have any questions. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

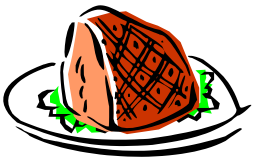
Christmas Gift Cards:

- If you did not request to receive Christmas gift card on the Thanksgiving application, you can request application now.
- Gift Cards available for pick up or mail out from December 15-23; 8a.m.-5p.m. Family and Children Services Building

Administration on Aging Program Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 18, 2014
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Everyone Welcome!!

For more information or to volunteer to help serve, contact the AoA Program at (405) 247 -2425 ext. 142.



Gift Shop Before Christmas Sale

The Wichita Tribal Gift Shop is having a Before Christmas Sale to make room for new inventory. Most of the items have been in the gift shop for a while and are **old designs**. We now take debit/credit cards. Please contact Pam at (405) 247-2425 ext. 134 for more information.

T-shirts-$5
Long Sleeve T-Shirts-$8
Denim Shirts-$15
Hoodies (No Zipper)-$12

Elder Payments to Be Given in December

The Wichita Executive Committee has approved the Elder Assistance Program for FY-2015. The Wichita Executive Committee recognizes that our elders are the most important assets to our Tribe. We hope that this modest payment will be of assistance to you.

AUTHORITY: Article V of the Governing Resolution empowers the Wichita Executive Committee to transact business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters of business.

PURPOSE: The Elder Assistance Program is for the purpose of recognizing, showing respect and honor and assisting elderly members of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes who are 55 years of age or older through this annual annuity payment.

FUNDING: The program will be administered with **$128,500** of the revenues received from the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission in **2014** which are revenues derived from the 51% ownership in Anadarko Industries.

BENEFITS: The annuity will be given each year to assist elderly tribal members to defray costs and to contribute to their overall health and well-being as elder members of our community.

ELIGIBILITY: All tribal members over the age of 55 and those that become 55 during the calendar year of 2014 are considered eligible. All elderly members, regardless of residence are eligible.

APPLICATION: An application must be filled out for each elder requesting their payment. Only the tribal elder can pick up his/her check, unless otherwise specified in a note from the elder. This shall include the name of the individual who has the elder's authority to pick up their check, as well as a telephone number where the elder can be contacted to verify this information.

DISBURSEMENTS: Information regarding eligibility of tribal members will be taken directly from the tribal roll. Each tribal elder will receive the sum of **$500**.

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