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THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINATIONS HAS ARRIVED

FRONTLINE WORKERS WILL BE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE VACCINATIONS

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health (MCNDH) announced that it has received the first doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and on Dec. 16 the vaccinations began for health care workers.

According to MCNDH Chief Performance Officer Shoneen Alexander-Ross, MCN Health Facilities received 465 doses of vaccination. Those vaccinations were distributed to Eufaula, Sapulpa, Okmulgee and Okemah clinics.

MCNDH will follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Indian Health Service's recom-



Dr. Kathryn Zachery, Clinic Director at MCN Sapulpa Indian Health Center was the first to receive the COVID vaccine on Dec. 16

(Submission)

mended vaccination distribution schedule. Health care workers will be the first to receive the vaccination, fol-

lowed by first responders, MCN Elders 65 and older and other high-risk populations. As more doses become

available, MCNDH will offer the vaccine to tribal citizens and the general public.

"We are so excited to receive our first shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine," said Principal Chief David Hill. "Our Department of Health has been a shining example during this pandemic with proactive measures and effective mitigation strategies. I am pleased we are able to begin distributing this life-saving vaccine and getting on the path to healing for our Nation."

Because there will not be enough vaccine available to reduce virus transmission until the Spring, the MCNDH encourages Oklahomans to help slow the spread of COVID-19 by continuing to wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your

distance.

"We are pleased to offer the vaccine to frontline healthcare workers who are protecting Oklahomans against this pandemic," said Shawn Terry, Secretary of Health for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. "We will distribute widely as more doses become available, with the understanding that our plans must remain flexible to adapt to the changing dynamics and unknown factors."

Alexander-Ross added, "This vaccination has gone through a clinical trial, and our medical staff looked at that information before distribution."

For more information about MCNDH's COVID-19 response, please visit www.creekhealth.org/covid/

FREEDMAN CASE EXHAUSTS TRIBAL REMEDY

GRAHAM THINKS HIS CASE FOR MCN CITIZENS WILL BE A WIN IN FEDERAL COURTS

Angel Ellis

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A civil case deciding the citizenship status of Ron Graham could end up appealing beyond tribal judicial systems according to Graham who has sought tribal citizenship status over 18 years.

"We can take the case now to the federal level outside the (Creek) Nation," Graham said. "And that is one of the things we are contemplating on doing."

Ron Graham applied for citizenship with the Mvskoke (Creek) Nation citizenship in June 2002 and was denied on Jan. 9, 2003. Later that year Graham filed a petition in the MCN District Court asserting that the citizenship board had acted arbitrarily and capriciously in denying his citizenship application.

Over the next three years, a series of administrative reviews and court filings culminated in a multi-day trial



Ron Graham plans to move his case for Freedman to the Federal level.

(Submission)

in the MCN District Court.

On March 17, 2006 the court issued an order finding that the citizenship board had not considered and applied MCN laws that were in effect at the time the application was initially presented, and thus acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

The MCN citizenship board was ordered to apply NCA 81-06 instead of NCA 01-135 in the reconsideration of the application. The citizenship board challenged this order at the MCN Supreme Court with a final order appeal filed on April

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MMIP INITIATIVE LAUNCHED WITH TRIBAL COLLABORATION

MCN AND CHEROKEE COLLABORATE WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT MMIP INITIATIVE

Angel Ellis

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — On Nov. 24, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief David Hill, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskins, U.S. Attorney of the North District of Oklahoma Trent Shores and U.S. Attorney of the Eastern District of Oklahoma Brian Kuester of the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced the launch of a pilot project to implement a Tribal Community Response Plan with Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Cherokee Nation, in accordance with Attorney General William P. Barr's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative.

Accompanying the MCN Chief was Acting Secretary of Community and Human Services Shawn Partridge and the



MCN Acting Secretary of Community and Human Services Shawn Partridge addresses the audience at an announcement of the pilot launch of a multi-agency MMIP Initiative to be implemented across Indian Country.

(Submission)

tribal domestic violence prevention staff.

Speaking on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Hill encouraged a collaboration.

"We are unquestionably at our strongest when partnering with agencies and tribes

MMIP-2



OKMULGEE JUDGE DISMISSES CIVIL CASE AGAINST OFFICIALS, TOWNS, AND GOVERNOR

A CIVIL CASE QUESTIONING THE LEGALITY OF FEE COLLECTIONS IN INDIAN COUNTRY WAS DISMISSED BY OKMULGEE COUNTY JUDGE

Angel Ellis
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-
homa — Recently appointed
Okmulgee County District
Judge Pandee Ramirez has
dismissed a civil court case
against the Governor of the
State of Oklahoma, named
District Attorney’s, and var-
ious cities and towns within
the Muscogee (Creek)
Nation reservation that have
collected fines and fees for
citations. Judge Ramirez
cited the Curtis Act, and
granted a motion to dismiss
on the basis of lack of venue
and lack of subject matter
jurisdiction.

Many of the defendants
listed on the case were dis-
missed with prejudice. The
court also denied the plain-
tiffs request to amend citing,
‘any amendment proposed by
plaintiffs would be futile.’

The civil case was origi-
nally filed in the Okmul-
gee County District Court
on July 30. The civil suit



Judge Ramirez dismisses suit seeking repayment of related fines.

(MN File Photo)

listed 47 defendants. Plain-
tiffs alleging that cities,
towns, and the officials pre-

sending them were ‘unjustly
enriched’ brought the law-
suit.

It was brought to, ‘dis-
gorge the State and its polit-
ical subdivision of their

ill-gotten gains.’

The four plaintiffs, Jason
Nicholson, Justin Hooper,
Cael Burgess and Derek Hair
were claiming to have been
prosecuted by the State and
that the State had no juris-
diction to prosecute them
following the SCOTUS
ruling affirming the Mus-
cogee (Creek) Nations reser-
vation.

‘During all times rel-
evant to this lawsuit, the
State of Oklahoma has pros-
ecuted Native American
people within the boundar-
ies of the Muscogee (Creek)
Nation without Jurisdiction,’
the filing said. ‘Through
these unlawful prosecution
the State of Oklahoma was
unjustly enriched through
the collection of fines, costs,
assessments, probationary
fees and other monies taken
from Native people without
legal authority.’

Mvskoke Media will con-
tinue to follow this story
and report updates as they
become available.

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13, 2006.

After review of the case,
the MCN Supreme Court
issued a single paragraph
order on Nov. 2, 2007 con-
cluding there was no evi-
dence that the citizenship
board had acted arbitrarily
and capriciously, reversing
the District Court order and
dismissing the case.

At this point, there were
no further filings in the case
for eleven years until Mr.
Graham submitted a new
application for citizenship
on May 30, 2019 referencing
the treaty of 1866, Article
Two as the basis for applica-
tion.

“Part of the ruling states
that we waited too long for
a clarification from the pre-

vious filing back in 2006
or 2007,” Graham said. “I
was very discouraged about
that, be there is a lot of law
changes.”

“My genealogy, and based
off the Treaty of 1866, Arti-
cle two, states that the
people of African descent
should have full citizenship,”
Graham said.

On Aug. 23, the appli-
cation was again denied,
and after another series of
administrative reviews and
court filings the case was
once again before the MCN
Supreme Court.

The issues presented
before the court in Grahams
notice of appeal filed on Jan.
24, are ‘Did Graham submit
a justiciable case or con-
troversy before the court,’
and ‘What is the impact of
federal case law on MCN

courts, specifically the case
Cherokee Nation v. Nash,
which established that Cher-
okee Freedmen have citi-
zenship rights in the Cher-
okee Nation under the 1866
treaty.’

In the Sept. 17 order,
the MCN Supreme Court
found that due to the elapsed
amount of time and the fact
that no new arguments were
presented to the court, there
was no controversy.

Furthermore, the court
found that the Cherokee v.
Nash opinion had only per-
suasive value to the MCN
courts, not controlling
authority. Ultimately, the
order affirmed the lower
District Court order, which
dismissed the case. Mvskoke
Media spoke with Ron
Graham about the future of
his citizenship battle.

But Graham feels his case
beyond tribal court remedy
has been strengthened with
the recent SCOTUS deci-
sion affirming MCN reser-
vation jurisdiction based on
the 1866 treaty.

“I celebrated that deci-
sion and I absolutely believe
that it strengthened my case
outside of the tribal courts,”
Graham said. “That ruling
based its decision on the
1866 Treaty, the treaty is
superior law.”

“We are basing every-
thing on treaty.”

Graham calls the denial
citizenship a violation of his
rights as outlined in the 1866
treaty. He also believes that
it could impact an estimated
5,000 to 8,000 other people
just like him.

“These are suggested
numbers not actual num-

bers,” Graham said. “But the
people who actually turned
in an application and were
denied by the citizenship
board like I have been...it’s
probably more like 100.”

Graham believes his next
step is federal court.

“With the 2017 ruling
with the Cherokees, and this
decision upholding our 1866
treaty hopefully it won’t take
long,” Graham said.

He says that he would
prefer the decision be han-
dled solely by the MCN
without federal appeals but
does not hold much hope the
tribe will act.

“Any time the federal
government gets involved
we don’t know what changes
could come,” Graham said.
“I hope and pray the Mus-
cogee (Creek) Nation would
just go by the treaty.”

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working toward our shared
goal, and that is enhancing
public safety and protection for
those who need it most,’ Mus-
cogee (Creek) Nation Principal
Chief David Hill said. ‘Unfor-
tunately, we know all too well
the challenges we face and the
trends we must reverse regard-
ing Missing and Murdered
Indigenous People.’

‘We feel these types of col-
laborations, in which our input
is sought and utilized to craft
culturally specific guidelines,
are the best path forward and
we can’t wait to get started.’

According to a press release
about the initiative, ‘The goal
for the Tribal Community
Response Plan pilot project

is to establish a collaborative
response from tribal govern-
ments, law enforcement agen-
cies, and other partners by
implementing culturally appro-
priate guidelines when investi-
gating emergent cases of miss-
ing and murdered American
Indians and Alaska Natives.’

Tribal leaders collaborated
with the U.S. Department of
Justice and other federal agen-
cies in order to develop draft
guides for developing a Tribal
Community Response Plan in
conjunction with tribal lead-
ers, law enforcement and tribal
communities.

Each plan will be composed
of guidelines addressing at least
four different areas in response
to MMIP cases: law enforce-
ment, victim services, commu-
nity outreach and media/public

communications.

Oklahoma’s U.S. attorneys
are the first to launch the pilot
project. Five other U.S. attor-
neys’ offices are slated to do so
at later dates. Lessons learned
from the pilot project will
be used to improve the draft
guides for developing a Tribal
Community Response Plan
before they are used in states
across the country.

‘Today’s new Missing and
Murdered Indigenous Persons
Pilot Program is an important
partnership with the United
States Department of Justice,
and will further a goal that
we all share: to protect Cher-
okees on the reservation and
bring missing Cherokees home
to their families and commu-
nities,’ Cherokee Nation Prin-
cipal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr.

said. ‘When one of our Chero-
kee citizens is hurt or missing,
it’s an emergency. And now
this pilot program will help
pool our focus and resources
on these cases with immediate,
coordinated and professional
response plans.’

‘The first step in achieving
justice for missing and mur-
dered Native Americans was
acknowledging the injustice of
any historical indifference to
or neglect of these tragic cases.
Now, it is time for action to
tackle this crisis head-on,’ U.S.
Attorney Trent Shores said. ‘I
am proud to partner with the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation and
Cherokee Nation to announce
the first of its kind pilot project
to develop and implement pro-
tocols and community action
plans for missing and murdered

indigenous people cases. The
Department of Justice contin-
ues to prioritize public safety
in Indian country, especially
when it comes to reducing the
violent crime rates that seem
to disproportionately impact
Native American women and
children.’

‘An effective strategy to
combat violent crime on tribal
lands can only be successful
with a united front of our law
enforcement partners working
with the communities we serve,’
FBI Special Agent in Charge
Melissa Godbold of the Okla-
homa City Field Office said.
‘This program unites all of us
in our shared goal of creating a
safer community with a focus
on solving crimes affecting
missing and murdered indige-
nous people in Oklahoma.’

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2021 PRIMARY ELECTION

NATIONAL COUNCIL SEAT B

Candidate Filing:
July 19-21, 9:00am - 4:00pm each day

Absentee Registration & Ballot Requesting Deadline:
August 25 @ 5:00pm

In Person Voting Deadline:
September 8 @ 5:00pm

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HEW COMMITTEE PASSED ALL LEGISLATIONS

NOMINATIONS ON THE AGENDA WERE INTERVIEWED ON DEC. 19

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held Dec. 9. All passed legislation went before the full Council during the regular session Dec. 19. HEW addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

TR 20-198 To execute a project agreement between the Board of Trustees of Western Michigan University and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Sponsored by Rep. Joyce Deere. The project agreement sets out terms and conditions for the service of MCN WIC Program to provide the nutrition education requirement. 4-0 Passed.

TR 20-199 Confirming the nomination of Dean Hughes to serve on the College of Muscogee Nation Board of Regents. Sponsored by Rep. James Jennings. If approved the Principal Chief's nomination Dean Hughes, will serve on the Board of Regents beginning upon the confirmation and expiring on Sept. 30, 2025. 4-0 Passed.

Interview will be on Pre-agenda Dec. 19.

TR 20-205 Confirming the nomination of Carmin Tecumseh-Williams to serve as Secretary of Community and Human Services of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Randolph. If approved the Principal Chief's nomination Carmin Tecumseh-Williams, will serve as the Secretary of Community and Human Services beginning upon the confirmation and ending with the term of the current Principal Chief. 4-0 Passed. Interview will be on Pre-agenda Dec. 19.

TR 20-208 Confirming the nomination of Selina Jayne-Dornan to serve on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board. Sponsored by Rep. Randall Hicks. If approved the Principal Chief's nomination Selina Jayne-Dornan, will serve on the Election Board Position beginning upon confirmation and ending on May 31, 2025. 4-0 Passed. Interview will be on Pre-agenda Dec. 19. For audio of committee meetings visit: www.mcncn.com

BFJ COMMITTEE PASSED ALL LEGISLATIONS

DISTRICT COURT LOOKING TO ADD ON MORE COURTROOMS

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Business, Finance and Justice Committee meeting was held Dec. 10. All passed legislation went before the full Council during the regular session Dec. 19. BF&J addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

TR 20-210 To execute an Attorney-Client agreement for legal services with the Law Firm of Connor and Winters LLP on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Sponsored by Rep. Robert Hufft. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of the Attorney General is seeking to secure specialized legal services with the Tulsa law firm of Connor and Winters LLP. This will allow for their legal staff to possess significant experience with tax matters. Passed 3-0. Rep. Travis Scott had internet connection issues and did not vote.

TR20-214 Confirming the nomination of Daniel Wind III to serve as the Chief of the Lighthorse Administration. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn. If approved the Principal Chief's nomination Daniel Wind III, will serve as Chief of the Lighthorse Administration beginning upon confirmation and ending with

the concurrent term of current Principal Chief. Passed 2-1. Voting 'No' was Rep. Patrick Freeman. Rep. Travis Scott did not vote due to internet issues. Interview was set for Dec. 19 during Pre-Agenda. **TR 20-215** To execute an outlease agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, by and through the District Court, and the United States Postal Service for the lease of certain real property located at 111 W. 4th Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. Sponsored by Rep. Patrick Freeman. The Outlease Agreement is a contract between the Nation, District Court and USPS, to allow additional courthouse space for the District Court on the second floor of real property located in the above address. Passed 4-0.

NCA 20-098 Amending MCNCA Title 16, substitute 1-108, entitled "Commissions no substitution for joint approval of appointments." Sponsored by Rep. Lucian Tiger III. The new law emphasizes no individual that is temporarily appointed by commission for more than 30 days will be recognized by the National Council as properly commissioned. Passed 3-2. Rep. Travis Scott and Rep. Robert Hufft voted against. There was a tie vote which allowed for Chairman William Lowe to break the tie in which he voted yes. For audio of committee meetings visit: www.mcncn.com

SERIES OF JOINT COMMITTEE SESSIONS HELD

JOINT COMMITTEE REVISES BUDGET FOR OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The MCN National Council held a series of joint committee meetings on Dec. 15 via teleconference including Health, Education and Welfare and Business, Finance and Justice Joint Committee, Health, Education and Welfare and Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Joint Committee, and the Business, Finance and Justice and Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Joint Committee.

The joint committee sessions addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to the language in the bills.

HEW/BFJ
TR 20-211 Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System and the MCN Lighthorse Police Department. Sponsored by Rep. William Lowe. 8-0. Do pass. There is a need to establish

general working relationships between the Eastern Oklahoma VA Healthcare System (EOVAHCS) Police Service and the MCN Lighthorse PD as a means of reinforcing interagency coordination and responsibility concerning law enforcement, emergency response, requests for assistance and physical security access control operations at EOVAHCS locations with the MCN Reservation.

TR 20-212 Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute various agreements and addendums with the United States Department of Justice for participation in the Tribal Access Program and approving policies for participation in the Tribal Access Program. Sponsored by Rep. Lowe. 8-0. Do pass. This will allow the Nation's Office of Attorney General, Lighthorse PD, Children and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement, Child Protective Services, District Trial Court, Head Start, Child Care, and Lighthorse Police SORNA with direct access to the Department of Justice Criminal Justice Information Network.

HEW/LNC
NCA 20-099 Law of the MCN appropriating additional funds for the construction of the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Sponsored by Rep. James Jennings. 8-1. Do pass. Rep. Joseph Hick voted against legislation. Due to an increase in the cost of materials for the construction project for the new center, there is an additional need of funds in the amount of \$784,780.00. This will put the total cost thus far at \$2,669,080.00. Funds are available through Capital Improvement Funds and \$2.8 million remain in the account after funding \$784,780.00.

BFJ/LNC
TR 20-213 Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a 2020 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) Grant application. Sponsored by Rep. Hicks. 7-0. Do pass. This program provides financial assistance to federally recognized tribes and Indian allottees on trust lands to evaluate their energy (conventional and renewable), and mineral resource potential on their lands.

A WORD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF

GUEST COLUMN: PRINCIPAL CHIEF DAVID HILL

Op -Ed

Oklahoma hospitals are reaching an insurmountable situation in the fight against COVID-19. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is proud to be among Oklahoma's rural healthcare providers, but the reality of our state's overloaded healthcare system is that we can't get our patients into critical care hospitals for the care they need. Although the vaccine offers hope, there won't be enough vaccine available to reduce virus transmission until the spring. We must do everything in our power to act now. We recognize first-hand that the COVID battle is particularly hard fought in rural Oklahoma. According to analysis by the Center for Rural Health at Oklahoma State University, mortality rates in rural Oklahoma communities are approximately 20-25 percent higher than in urban cities. In Oklahoma communities within our boundaries, there have been 62,998 positive cases reported, and we have lost 608 people to this virus. On Dec. 11, there was a daily increase of 949 new cases.

Our rural communities are suffering disproportionately from COVID-19 because of the prevalence of chronic disease and lack of access to intensive care beds. Native populations, significant in rural Oklahoma, are 3.5 times more likely to get COVID-19 than white people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We serve both the general public and Native Americans



Chief David Hill (Submission)

in our community hospitals in Okmulgee and Okemah, and we are equipped to provide general ER and medical/surgical services. However, we rely on Tulsa and Oklahoma City healthcare systems to provide critical care. Although our healthcare workers are fierce in their efforts to save your life, they lack the resources to prevent your death. Oklahoma has the third highest rate of COVID-19 hospitalizations in the U.S., according to latest White House report. As a result, intensive care units are at capacity; at last look only 3 percent of staffed ICU beds were available in Oklahoma. Patients have died in our care while waiting for an ICU bed. We have transferred patients as far as St. Louis in desperate attempts to find the critical care needed to treat people who are seriously ill. Together we are in a war against COVID-19; unified we can fight it. Everyone has a role in relieving the strain on Oklahoma's healthcare system. Wear a mask and watch your distance. My Health Access Network, Oklahoma's

non-profit health information exchange, reports that as of Dec. 10, there is a 19 percent lower positivity rate for cities with masking mandates compared to those without. Get vaccinated. The FDA advisory panel has completed an unbiased and unfiltered review of the Pfizer vaccine and approval for emergency use is expected within days. More vaccines are under review, and while help is on the way, the vaccine won't be widely available for months. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation expects to receive a limited number of doses for healthcare workers and vulnerable populations soon, and we are developing detailed plans to help vaccinate everyone when the supplies arrive. Although vaccine efficacy rates are high, it doesn't offer 100 percent protection. For the foreseeable future, we will need to accept the personal responsibility to wear masks and limit our exposure. At the beginning of this pandemic, healthcare workers were considered part of the frontline. Now, they are the last line of defense. It is our turn to do what we can to help our communities and our exhausted medical personnel. As a life-long Oklahoman and Muscogee citizen, I have always been proud of our sense of community and willingness to help others. In the absence of a needed statewide mask mandate, we should all do our part to protect Oklahoma's healthcare system, each other and ourselves. Principal Chief David Hill The (Muscogee) Creek Nation

EMVPANAYV: CHANGES, NAMES, GAINS, RECOGNITIONS

2020 IS PAST, COVID, TRIBAL GROWTH, FLICKS

Gary Fife
Radio Specialist

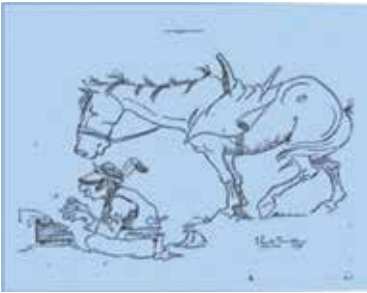
OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—Back on schedule for the coming year. Hope you all are looking forward to a New Year. Boy, what a struggle 2020 has been and the impacts are still with us.

Lots of terrible things happened, but the way our Nation and the State of Oklahoma has changed since the McGirt decision that ruled the Mvskoke still had jurisdiction over its lands. Here’s hoping that our Nation and the State can find common grounds and head off the growing rift between the tribe and the governor.

By now, here’s hoping that Covide-19 vaccines are being distributed to tribal citizens. Native News Online reports that the Dine (Navajo) Nation are the first to get the vaccine. That’s good to hear since that tribe has been the hardest hit by the virus. All over Native America, our people were hard hit by this virus. The Indian Health Service reported 121,846 positive tests. Highest rates are: Navajo, Phoenix, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque and the Great Plains.

How are we doing in regards to getting a COVID vaccine? Requests to our tribal administration were still in the works at the mid-December time this column was being written.

But, not everything in 2020 was negative. Back in July, the football team from Disney-On-The-Potomac just dropped the racist slur they used for a name after decades of effort. In mid-December, the Cleveland baseball team has finally dropped its nickname. But the team owners



(MN File Photo)

say, that change won’t change until they come up with a new one, sometime in 2021. Wonder how long that will take?

Across America statues of famous colonizers were removed, Native American women were elected to the U.S. Congress in the last couple of years and their voices were heard in the past year. We have Sarah Deer, a recipient of the MacArthur Foundations ‘genius’ grant; a three-time recipient of the honor of U.S. Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo; and our Principal Chief, David Hill, was named as one of 100 Most Influential People of 2020.

It seems like many in our U.S. population are calling for changes in the societal structure and attitudes.

Have you seen the construction work going on at the tribal complex? It’s a charging station for electric vehicles. With the popularity of electric cars growing, the Environmental Services folks thought it might be a good way to meet a growing demand. Get this: the service will be free to tribal citizens and employees. Who knows? It could change the need (or excuses?) for collections for gas money?

Other projects underway by the Tribal Construction PPE/GSA Shipping and

Receiving Facility; and, a Safe Space for tribal workers.

If that weren’t enough, a Meat Processing Plant would be built at the Duck Creek community. That project would handle some commercial customers, ranchers and hunters who would want to get their harvests of eco (deer) processed. That would be great, although I haven’t had any to get processed in the last couple of years.

Native actor Wes Studi has been named as one of the 25 Greatest Actors of the 21st Century by critics at the New York Times. Studi has brought accurate portrayals to many Native ancestors to the screen and to several contemporary characters. His work, the Times notes, goes ‘Beyond Leathers and Feathers’ as he calls it.

There is an article in Powwow Times that covers what it names as the Top Ten Native American Movies. Among them: Windtalkers; Indian Horse; Last of the Mohicans; The Revenant; Geronimo: An American Legend; Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner; Crazy Horse, The Fetterman Massacre; Running Brave; and, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.

I’m sure that there are a lot of great movies not mentioned. There are others on the list that provokes reactions of “What Are They Thinking?”

Let’s hope that 2021 is a better year than the last one. That shouldn’t be too hard. Have a Happy New Year! Hvtvm!

The opinions expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of Mvskoke Media or the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

MVSKOKE YOUTH SERVICES PLANS TO RE-LAUNCH MENTORING PROGRAM

MENTORING PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR YOUTH TO MAKE A CULTURE CONNECTION AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—The Mvskoke Nation Youth Services are excited to be bringing back their mentoring program for students.

According to Mvskoke Youth Services Specialist Samantha Coon, the mentoring program first started in 2019 when youth services met with members of Wetumka community. One of their main purposes for this program is to making solid connections with positive tribal citizens.

“One of the needs for a lot of our youth within the reservation was missing a connection to healthy adult relationships,” Coon said. “It was more of having someone guide them, outside of their family.”

Before the mentoring program was established, youth services were thinking of ways they could help a smaller community with mentoring or after school programs to have a good introduction to the program. They hope to expand the mentoring program in the future.

After discussing policies and what to do for the program through advisory meetings, it all started to fall into place later in 2019. Coon began working with Director of Youth Services Nancy Mason on mission statements and what they would like to see in the program.

“It was exciting to see how it started, and where it’s still going,” Coon said.

Earlier in 2020 they had

launched the mentoring program, planning an activity over spring break with their youth until the pandemic hit and everything was shut down. Feeling bummed about what happened, Coon is excited for a re-launch in 2021.

“This past year we didn’t get to pilot what we wanted to do, but now we can rethink of how we can do the work,” Mason added. “We have looked at virtual ways to do mentoring, and so we have a platform we utilize for other things with the youth.”

For January Mason said they are set to begin recruiting for virtual mentoring and planning for some face-to-face meetings. January is National Mentoring Month and Coon and Mason are set to have an activity every week. Packets of information will be sent out to all the departments, communities, churches and ceremonial grounds.

“Every entity we want to send information, we send it out so they know what our program is and share it with their members,” Mason said.

There are several national dates in January that the youth services will take advantage of, Jan. 7 is “I am a Mentor Day.” On this day Youth Services are wanting to highlight some mentoring relationships.

Jan. 11 Youth Services want to host an online orientation where anyone can login to learn more about the mentoring program. Some of the information will include who is eligible and time commitments.

Jan. 29 will be “Thank Your Mentor Day,” and Youth Services will provide an opportunity to do so.

“The third week is around service, which we haven’t decided what that will look like but we’ll definitely have a push for every week,” Mason said. “We’re more focused on recruiting mentors right now.”

The recruitment process for mentors is important, so Youth Services will have volunteers to serve as mentors before accepting mentee applications. Mentor’s will meet with their mentee on a weekly basis for one-hour for nine months.

Coon and Mason are really hoping for more mentors just because they had four to begin with in 2020. Applications are available for mentors now. There are two applications for mentees, one is for someone who wants to join the program. The second application will be a referral for someone who knows another person that might be interested.

Not knowing how long the pandemic will last, Coon and Mason have a back-up plan for the mentoring program. They are looking at what planned events are scheduled for in-person and how they can be done online.

For more information on the Mentoring Program and for applications visit <https://www.mvskokeyouth.com/mvskoke-mentors>.

Any other questions contact Samantha Coon at sagoon@mcn-nsn.gov or 918-549-2597.



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THREE CITIZENS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION WERE NAMED AS THE TOP 40 UNDER 40 BY NCAIED

Angel Ellis
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-
homa —Dr. Nicole Been
(Mvskoke), Rochelle Werito
(Mvskoke) and Dr. Ashleigh
Coser (Mvskoke/Choctaw)
were among the 2020 class
of Native American 40 under
40 award recipients accord-
ing to The National Center
for American Indian Enter-
prise Development (The
National Center).

The Native American
40 Under 40 recognizes 40
emerging American Indian
and Alaska Native lead-
ers under the age of 40 from
across the country. Nom-
inated by their peers, the



L - R: Dr. Nicole Been (Mvskoke), Dr. Ashleigh Coser (Mvskoke/Choctaw), and Rochelle Werito (Mvskoke).
(Submission)

2020 40 Under 40 winners
have exemplified leadership,
initiative, and, especially
during COVID-19, resil-
iency and dedication towards
their communities and busi-
nesses.

This year’s 40 Under 40
represent the best from aca-
demia, the medical field,
government, non-profits, the
legal field, and more. This
year, the Native American
40 Under 40 award recipi-
ents will be announced vir-
tually through the National

Center’s social media pages
in the coming weeks. Addi-
tionally, award recipients
will be honored at RES
2021. The 2020 class joins
well over 400 previous win-
ners that have been honored
over the last decade.

“The Native American 40
Under 40 awards recognize
the hard-work, dedication,
and perseverance of our best
and brightest,” said National
Center President and CEO
Chris James.

“Every year I am
impressed by the wide range
of accomplishments of our 40
Under 40 winners. The 2020
class shows us what young
Native American and Alaska
Native leaders are capable of
– and what they are already
accomplishing. Just as the
40 Under 40 honorees con-
tinually inspire all of us
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we hope the award contin-
ues to inspire generations of
Indian Country leaders who
will one day be a part of this
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DISTRICT COURT FILED Case No. 20-03-00000-0000-0000 MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION JONIA DEWEY COURT CLERK

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL GUARDIAN

NOTICE is hereby given that Tyisha Ray has filed in the District Court of the Muscogee Creek Nation, a petition requesting the appointment of a guardian of the person and property of Amariyonna Taylor.

THAT the 14th day of January, 2020, at the hour of 9 o'clock, A.m., in courtroom of the Muscogee Creek Nation District Court has been appointed as the time and place for hearing the petition, when and where any persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such appointment should not be made.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2020.

JUDGE OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION

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Summer Youth Employment Program

Youth ages 16-21 can begin applying for the summer youth employment program, on December 1 through March 31, 2021. For more information contact 918-732-7773 or eta@mcn-nsn.gov

MCN Senior Services to provide COVID-19 Elder Safety Packages to citizens

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Senior Services to provide COVID-19 Elder Safety Packages for Muscogee (Creek) citizens age 65 or older. Elders living in either the MCN Reservation or At-Large are eligible. Proof of Muscogee (Creek) citizenship is required. Items in the care package includes: disposable masks, reusable mask, face shield, multi-purpose disinfectant and other assorted items. Please allow 4-6 weeks to process applications. Applicants can request to be mailed an appli-

cation, complete an application over the phone or curbside pickup. Online applications are for At-Large citizens only. For more information, please contact: 918-732-7765, 918-732-7731 and 918-732-7699 or email at: elderservices@mcn-nsn.gov.


MCN Reintegration Welding School

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Welding School will be offering an 8-week welding school course with the possibility of being selected for an additional 4-week ADVANCED welding course. Classes will be held in Henryetta, OK. The training course will be \$3200 per student and each student MUST have a funding source, or proof of funding 2 weeks prior to class starting. For more information contact the MCN Reintegration Office at 918-549-2620.

Conservation District Offering Free Soil, Hay, and Livestock Water Testing

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Natural Resource Conservation District is announcing an opportunity for Creek citizens - within the MCN boundary - who would like to have a basic soil, hay or livestock water test on their property. The District will pay for the cost of up to two tests per landowner. Some restrictions apply. Any interested citizen may call for more information and program details. Contact Julie Norem at 918-732-7814.

OBITUARIES



Joe Lee Berryhill
January 1, 1944 -
September 25, 2020

Joe Lee Berryhill was born Jan. 1, 1944 in Weleetka, Oklahoma to the family of Roley Berryhill and Sarah (Sawyer) Berryhill. Joe Lee passed away Sept. 25 at the age of 76 years.

He graduated Lone Oak Public School on May 5, 1958 and Butner High School May 17, 1963. Joe enlisted in the Army National Guard on Dec. 12, 1962 and began his service right out of high school where he served his country faithfully and was honorably discharged Dec. 11, 1968, earning special

commendations as a sharp shooter and the rank of Sergeant. Joe was baptized at home at an early age and was a member of Thlopthlocco Methodist Church. Joe Lee lived most of his life in the Oklahoma City area and was an avid OU football fan who loved reading and watching old western shows. Although he loved his independence and privacy, he was a proud and quiet person who always enjoyed when family gathered together to share a meal and a story where he could sit and laugh while listening

to everyone joke around with one another.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Roley and Sarah Berryhill; sister, Nettie Ruth Berryhill and brother, Sonny Berryhill; nieces, Christine and Marian; and nephews, Danny, Roger, and Robbie.

Although Joe Lee is no longer with us his memory and legacy will be kept alive through family and friends, he leaves behind which include: his brother, Robert Berryhill and family, of Wetumka, Oklahoma; brother, Chubby Berryhill and family of Wetumka; sister, Peggy Johnson and family of Oklahoma City; sister, Linda Berryhill and family of Holdenville, Okla-

homa; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Joe Lee Berryhill will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 1:00pm at the Alabama-Quasarte Community Center of Wetumka. Interment will follow at Thlopthlocco Cemetery. Rev. David Dunson will officiate. Pallbearers will be Gene Berryhill, Rob Deer, Larry Berryhill, Kelly Deer, Phillip Berryhill, and Matt Scott. Honorary Pallbearers will be Terry Joe Johnson, David Skalla, Lloyd Potts, and Christopher Wahpepah. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home of Wetumka.

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IF CONFIRMED REP. DEB HAALAND (D-N .M.) WILL SERVE AS THE US DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR SECRETARY



NM-D and House Representative Deb Haalnd has been recently nominated to head the Department of the Interior uder the Biden-Harris campaign.
(haaland.house.gov)

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

WASHINGTON D.C.

- The Biden-Harris campaign has chosen a congressional representative from New Mexico and a Native American to head up the Department of Interior.

If confirmed, Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) will be the first Native American woman to lead a cabinet-level position.

Since winning a seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2019, Haaland

has lobbied both the Biden team and House Democratic leadership and advocated for climate justice policy and indigenous rights.

‘A voice like mine has never been a Cabinet secretary or at the head of the Department of Interior,’ Haaland tweeted Thursday. ‘Growing up in my mother’s Pueblo household made me fierce. I’ll be fierce for all of us, our planet, and all of our protected land. I am honored and ready to serve.’

The Department of Interior runs the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian

Education and the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration, which manages the financial assets of American Indians held in trust.

Principal Chief David Hill said, “The Muscogee (Creek) Nation applauds the nomination of Congresswoman Deb Haaland to serve as the U.S. Secretary of Interior. While much work remains, this historic appointment is a joyous moment for all of Indian Country and emblematic of the distance we have travelled since our ancestors’ first steps on the Trail of Tears.”

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Hope in the Face of Fear



I have a poster size picture with a hole cut out that I often show when I am doing a training on fear. All I show is the hole I cut out and I have the group describe what the whole picture is from just that cut out. The hole is blue water with small waves that have a shimmer of light reflecting off if it. Some will say it’s the ocean, still others will say a lake or a river.

All are surprised when I reveal the full picture. The watery part that they thought was a river, ocean or lake is actually a puddle of water in the middle of a cobble stone street next to an old coffee shop.

I use this example to help those in attendance understand how our fear, not trauma, has the tendency to make something that is small into something larger or overwhelming. Fear is a strong emotional response that is the result of the unknown, a learned behavior, a situation or event, a knowing, thoughts of a negative “what if” and/or feeling out of control. If left unchecked, fear can grow from a puddle to an ocean.

How to deal with fear is not really discussed much in families or was it? We may have missed it. Often, as little children, we were told “just don’t be afraid”. Many of us heard that statement from our parent when we were afraid of the dark or a thunderstorm. But the part we did not realize, they were teaching us “how” when they explained the why, causes, and effects. The more we thought about or were told the explanation, the more we accepted it, the less our fears became.

In keeping with the puddle example, the more we focus on the causes, triggers, fearful situations or events in our life the larger the puddle/fear becomes. This can happen so gradually depending on the day or the situation but the result is the same, fear takes over. The response to stop this process can seem easy but it will take work. It is not just not thinking of your fear but it is replacing it with hope.

Hope is seeing the future with a positive result. This positive result is not just an emotional desire but it also involves a decision and a doing. This can be confusing to some because many may see hope as just a feeling but it is not. If it were just a feeling then you are stuck with a fight which feelings will win fear or hope. Hope is a goal or something to strive for that will take commitment and effort.

We must make a decision to be hopeful amidst feelings of fear. That decision may be turning off or staying away from things that feed your fear. It can be finding out the truth where there is a lot of unknown, “what if’s” and untruths. It may be admitting what you do not have control over and only working on what you can control/change – yourself.

Take time and identify your hope. Write it down and post it somewhere you will see often. When fear tries to grow, remind yourself where are you going to put your energy in fear or hope? Don’t let the puddle of fear become an ocean. Following these steps and practicing daily will help hope grow. When hope grows, perception of life improves greatly.

If you or someone you know is struggling with anger, anxiety, worry, fear, stress or depression and need to talk to someone, please contact Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health at 918-758-1910.

If you or someone you know is in crisis call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number at 1-800-273-8255 or Text “Creek” to 741-741.

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Fiscal Year 2021

In accordance with the following legislation:

NCA 20-050 A law of the Muscogee Creek Nation amending **NCA 20-038** (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditures of **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act** (“**CARES Act**”) funds received from the United States Department of the Treasury to establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.)

SECTION 7. REPORTING. A report shall be provided bi-weekly by the Office of the Principal Chief to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council and Mvskoke Media documenting all expenditures of the CARES Act funds.

Total received/earned \$312,616,371.42

Total expenditures and encumbrances from the CRF funds as of this report date equals, \$103,205,868.93.

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **Jan. 1st**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	PRINCIPAL CHIEF				
50000	Salary & Wages-FT	5,667.00	-	-	5,667.00
50020	Salary & Wages-O/T over 1.5	19,900.00	-	-	19,900.00
50100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	37,500.00	49,500.00	-	-12,000.00
51000	Fringe-FT	25,488.00	-	-	25,488.00
51100	Fringe-PT/Other	4,556.75	4,776.72	-	-219.97
53000	Supplies	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
56010	Donations/Contributions	50,000.00	10,000.00	-	40,000.00
	SECRETARY OF NATION				
54000	Contractual	9,218,383.00	4,498,585.72	4,718,368.72	1,428.56
58010	Construction	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	-
59220	Grants	5,859,671.63	-	-	5,859,671.63
	TOURISM & RECREATION				
53000	Supplies	3,354.00	460.00	1,077.38	1,816.62
59050	Food Purchases	748,000.00	319,042.79	181,220.42	249,736.79
59440	Incidentals	5,500.00	3,994.85	0.00	1,505.15
	CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT				
53000	Supplies	1,700.00	441.47	913.53	345.00
55210	Communications - Other	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
59220	Grants	6,825,910.80	2,344,838.80	-	4,481,072.00
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
53000	Supplies	716,070.56	260,497.40	49,247.01	406,326.15
53010	Software/Licenses	847,630.11	516,967.84	212,372.56	118,289.71
54000	Contractual	463,594.25	21,001.25	56,895.00	385,698.00
55210	Communications- Other	42,033.74	15,930.34	-	26,103.40
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	99,818.95	21,996.37	14,259.13	63,563.45
85500	Equipment	3,860,033.48	783,912.88	2,541,721.71	534,398.89
	FLEET MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	20,000.00	241.65	-	19,758.35
50010	Salary & Wages - Overtime	15,876.00	-	-	15,876.00
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	-3,374.80	6,349.20	-	-9,724.00
21000	Fringe - FT	20,199.00	129.89	-	20,069.11
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	-394.66	722.44	-	-1,117.10
53000	Supplies	3,245,728.45	773,432.40	582,519.79	1,889,776.26
53290	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	4,535.21	-	45,464.79
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
85400	Vehicles	151,476.00	146,021.00	-	5,455.00
85500	Equipment	75,000.00	50,012.50	-	24,987.50
	SOCIAL SERVICES				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	48,519.09	36,902.85	-	11,616.24
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	0.67	3,915.76	-	-3,915.09
51000	Fringe - FT	38,960.72	20,913.22	-	18,047.50
53000	Supplies	5,522.08	4,652.30	833.46	36.32
53010	Software/Licenses	-	-	-	-
54000	Contractual	220,955.91	205,251.58	10,970.89	4,733.44
57000	Indirect Costs	-	398.31	-	-398.31
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	31,344,000.00	28,240,000.00	-	3,104,000.00
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	27,057,500.00	16,620,100.00	-	10,437,400.00
	SENIOR SERVICES				
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	184,149.78	1,280.00	14,570.22
	FOOD DISTRIBUTION				
53000	Supplies	397,590.75	58,507.74	19,589.08	319,236.08
59050	Food Purchases	201,738.96	119,196.13	82,542.83	-
85050	Renovations	90,000.00	-	7,628.80	82,371.20
85170	Construction	38,656.48	-	-	38,656.48
85400	Vehicles	94,882.39	-	63,417.60	31,464.79
	COMMUNITY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT				
55210	Communications - Other	-	-	-	-
	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	2,980.44	1,503.17	-	1,450.27
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	114,900.10	25,433.09	-	89,467.01
51000	Fringe - FT	67,500.42	8,887.73	-	58,612.69
53000	Supplies	1,559,513.00	321,820.00	210,833.90	1,026,859.10
57000	Indirect Costs	-	2,373.48	-	-2,373.48
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	2,260,900.00	2,185,992.97	-	74,907.03
59220	Grants	500,000.00	-	-	500,000.00
	MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT				
53000	Supplies	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	1,000,000.00	687,624.58	171,958.42	140,417.00
85170	Construction	14,800,000.00	374,190.82	11,144,462.28	3,281,347.00
85500	Equipment	1,400,000.00	1,070,272.18	118,191.13	210,808.69
	REAL ESTATE SERVICES				
54000	Contractual	9,628.00	810.00	8,000.00	818.00
	CULTURAL CENTER & ARCHIVES				
53000	Supplies	-	-	-	-
	CULTURAL PRESERVATION				
53000	Supplies	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
59220	Grants	2,725,000.00	624,998.95	-	2,100,001.05
	TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	83,206.80	15,058.80	-	68,148.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	10,43807	1,727.70	-	8,710.37
53000	Supplies	23,975.00	3,110.00	4,270.00	16,595.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	132,241.18	54,494.77	-13,003.70	90,750.11
85170	Construction	14,289,758.71	2,722,603.21	7,477,341.06	4,089,814.44
85500	Equipment	210,110.00	-	130,110.00	80,000.00
	SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS				
58010	Construction	313,297.00	-	301,092.00	12,205.00
	OFFICE OF JUSTICE				
53000	Supplies	26,800.00	-	26,499.40	300.60
54000	Contractual	26,738.00	-	24,738.00	2,000.00
	OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION				
54000	Contractual	36,300.00	-	-	36,300.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80	-	-	340.80
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
	CITIZENSHIP BOARD				
53000	Supplies	316,797.50	39,113.80	59,070.00	218,613.70
53010	Software/Licenses	5,649.00	-	-	5,649.00
54000	Contractual	50,500.00	10,000.00	-	40,500.00
85500	Equipment	36,258.00	-	-	36,258.00
	LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION				
85500	Equipment	60,000.00	56,790.00	-	3,210.00
	NATIONAL COUNCIL				
53000	Supplies	625.00	-	623.34	1.66
	DISTRICT COURT				
53000	Supplies	918.23	-	-	918.23
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	-	10,512.00	0.00
85500	Equipment	176,011.68	-	170,421.68	5,590.00
	SUPREME COURT				
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	547.00	-	-	547.00
	SECRETARY OF HEALTH				
90110	Transfer Out	0.00	11,279,552.97	-	-11,279,552.97
	TOTAL	132,512,811.27	74,815,163.51	28,390,705.42	29,306,942.34