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## 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION CHALLENGED

RECOUNT, PETITION CLAIMING FRAUD AND IRREGULARITY  
FILED IN MCN COURTS

by **LIZ GRAY**  
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Since the Sept. 18 Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Seat B Primary Election, petitions were filed with the MCN Supreme Court and District Court.

MCN Supreme Court issued a notice Sept. 24 to the MCN Election Board for a recount of votes cast in the primary election.

Petitioner and Okmulgee District candidate Lanissa Jack Melton requested a recount of absentee and Okmulgee District ballots submitted in the primary election.

The recount was conducted Sept. 30 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee.

According to an email from MCN Election Board Manager Nelson Harjo Jr., the results of the recount matched the results posted Sept. 18 on their Facebook page.

Harjo stated in the correspondence that MCN Supreme Court verified the recount process and stipulated the results

cannot be officially certified until the petition for fraud and irregularities in the MCN District Court had been resolved.

A petition was filed by McIntosh District incumbent Adam Jones III with the MCN District Court and was initially started Oct. 1 with Judge Stacy Leeds and was recessed in order for the MCN Election Board to obtain counsel for the hearing.

In a letter addressed to the MCN Election Board Chairman, Jones claimed there were irregularity in the ballots cast at the Okmulgee Precinct Office during the Sept. 18 election.

“Particularly, in-person ballots cast by appointed members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board,” Jones stated in the letter which included the Chairman themselves.

“After they learned their absentee ballots were not received by the Okmulgee Post Office by 11:00 (a.m.) and, therefore, not counted. This action is highly irregular, because there are egress and regress rules related to the counting room, which watchers report were not adhered to by Board members.”

Jones claimed the actions



A hearing was held Oct. 8 to address petitions filed regarding the 2021 Primary Election.

(MM File)

of the board members did not maintain uniformity, nor did they promote and encourage voter registration because the Election Board did not extend the same courtesy to other absentee voters.

Jones closed the letter by asking the Election Board to consider revision of rules and regulations to extend the same offer to absentee ballot voters before certifying the results of the elections, as well as notify all absentee ballot voters whether or not their vote was counted in the election.

Melton also filed a petition within MCN District Court with similar claims as Jones claiming fraud and irregularity. During the Oct. 6 hearing for Melton's

petition, both parties agreed to have their petitions heard together on Oct. 8.

MCN National Council held two emergency sessions in relation to the Election Board's desire to hire an attorney for the District Court cases.

An Oct. 4 Emergency Session addressed legislation for the Election Board to hire Jeremy Pittman to represent the Board for the case, however after discussion involving conflict of interest related to Pittman's representation of Okfuskee District Representative Travis Scott, the resolution failed with 13 NC Representatives voting no and 2 abstained.

During an Emergency Session held Oct. 5 authorized the

Election Board to hire Seacat Law Firm to represent the Board in the District Court case with 13 voting yes and 2 abstained.

The Oct. 8 hearing held last-ed from 9 a.m. until Judge Leeds issued her oral decision around 5 p.m. as stipulated by MCN Code.

During the hearing, the matter of an incredible number of absentee ballots received by the Election Board post-deadline was addressed.

According to a statement from the Election Board on Sept. 24, the abundance of absentee ballots received at the Okmulgee Post Office was due to the extremely slow mail delivery.

Ultimately Leeds dismissed the two petitions for fraud and irregularities, finding that the U.S. Postal Service delay in delivering ballots before the 11 a.m. deadline on Election Day and reports of Election Board members voting with challenge ballots did not merit to invalidate the election results.

According to Title 19 of MCN Code, any appeal to the Judge's decision must be filed with the MCN Supreme Court within three calendar days of the oral decision of the District Court.

Mvskoke Media will have ongoing coverage in this developing story.



Muscogee Nation is now offering a one time incentive for vaccinated citizens.

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## CITIZEN VACCINE INCENTIVE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON CAMHOUSE PORTAL

by **LANI HANSEN**  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma–The Muscogee Nation Vaccine Incentive application are be available to citizens on beginning Oct. 1.

According to a Muscogee Nation Facebook post on Aug. 28, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council passed NCA 21-104 which allows all Muscogee (Creek) citizens to receive an incentive for up to \$500 once they have

been fully vaccinated.

Citizens who are fully vaccinated by Sept. 30 will receive \$500. Anyone else who is eligible and fully vaccinated by Dec. 31 will receive \$300. Citizens must be fully vaccinated to be eligible for any incentive payment. Tribal employees/contract workers, including the College of the Muscogee Nation, Gaming and Health employees will receive an incentive payment through their employer and will not eligible to apply for the citizen vaccine incentive.

During the application process citizens will be asked to upload a scanned copy of their vaccination record. If they do not have one, contact the provider where they received their vaccination.

To apply for the incentive, one must complete the Vaccine Incentive Application on the Camhouse Portal. Information provided will be stored on the site if previously registered.

Visit the Camhouse Portal to register at: login.muscogeenation.com.

## WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR MONEY CARD

THE FIRST BATCH OF CARDS HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND WILL BE FUNDED UPON ACTIVATION

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – According to the Muscogee Nation Office of Public Relations over 39,000 applications for the American Rescue Plan Act COVID-19 Relief Individual Assistance have been received successfully as of Sept. 15.

Press Secretary Jason Salsman claims that first batch of 10,000 cards was requested on Sept. 20-21.

Salsman said the amount of cards sent out in a batch varies on the approval amounts and high numbers of applications can result in a delay for some.

Some citizens have received their cards as they have reported

on Facebook on several different Citizen groups and have also stated a “Zero” balance available.

“We hope to have them funded by the end of the week,” Salsman said. “We’ve encountered a couple administrative challenges and are working through the process.”

To ensure the card is delivered Salsman said citizens should keep a close eye on their mail and sign up for USPS postal delivery notifications.

Citizens will need to activate the card upon receiving and then check the balance on the card, according to Salsman.

Citizens will encounter a security check process when activating the card.

“If they do not pass the secu-

rity check, Muscogee Nation will reach out for additional documentation,” Salsman said.

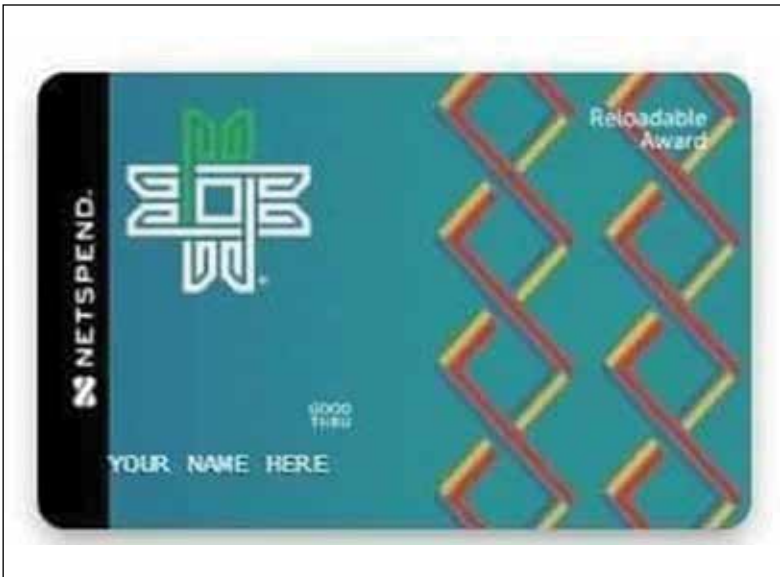
After money has been loaded on the card, there are a few measures citizens can take to keep their funds safe.

“Keep your personal identification number private. Do not write it on the card, do not give it out,” Salsman said.

To avoid the fees, use it as a regular debit card at any merchant.

“You can buy gas, you can buy groceries, you can pay your bills online, etc.,” Salsman said. “Cash withdrawals will be the only transactions with minimum fees associated.”

Citizens can track their balance on MyNetSpend.com or call their customer service line.



ARPA hotline is 918-549-2885. Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to noon are designated for elders.

(MM File)

Citizens should be aware that there is not legislative deadline on the funds and there is enough for every citizen.

Phones queues have been at a maximum capacity with over 200 calls in-waiting at one time, according to the PR's latest update.

The update states if citizens receive a dial tone or happen to get hung up on, understand the phones are busy and to call back.

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EDITOR'S NOTE



Domestic  
Violence  
Awareness  
Month

MCN FVPP offers services to Natives and non-Natives within the Mvskoke Reservation.  
(MM File)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Due to most events hosted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation occurring post-send out of this edition, as editor I wanted to share some information.

MCN Family Violence Prevention Program is hosting activities and events to help bring awareness, restore safety and stop domestic violence.

Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. there will be a Walking Labyrinth come and go event at the walking trail behind Lighthorse at the MCN Tribal Complex. That same day is Purple Thursday, FVPP is asking those wanting to participate to wear purple to be a voice and start a conversation to raise awareness about domestic violence. On Oct. 28, there will be a Scavenger Hunt to bring community awareness from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Claude Cox Omniplex. MCN FVPP is also asking everyone to join the Nation in “painting the Reservation purple,” by displaying purple throughout the community whether it is changing lights to purple bulbs, tying a purple ribbon on a door or decorating windows/doors with purple décor.

The Mvskoke News is bringing

awareness by coloring the headlines for each news story in this edition purple. It is a statement showing how it is quite possible to fill an entire newspaper with stories related to domestic violence within the Mvskoke Reservation and Indian Country as a whole.

According to information provided by the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, more than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women and men have experienced violence in their lifetime. 56% of AI/AN women and 43.2% of AI/AN men have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner.

MCN FVPP provides confidential services to Native and non-Native victims/survivors of a variety of violent crimes to promote safety, healing and justice as well as additional services.

For more information, contact MCN FVPP at: 918-732-7979.

Additional contacts:  
MCN Lighthorse Tribal Police phone number: 918-732-7800  
MCN District Court phone number: 918-758-1400  
MCN Office of Attorney General phone number: 918-295-9720

CMN PRESIDENT CHOSEN FOR COHORT

DR. MONTE RANDALL CHOSEN FOR ASPEN INSTITUTE’S NEW PRESIDENTS FELLOWSHIP TO ADVANCE STUDENT SUCCESS

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – College of Muscogee Nation’s very own President Dr. Monte Randall was selected by the Aspen Institute College Experience Program as one of the 25 leaders for the 2021-22 class of Aspen New Presidents Fellowship.

Randall claimed it was a process to be chosen for the program and it all started with a nomination.

“I was nominated by one of our partners ‘Achieving the Dream,’” Randall said. “It was one of the directors that had nominated me.”

After getting nominated, he was invited to apply and decided to fill out an application in early May.

In early July, Randall was invited to do an interview with the Institute and recently discovered he was one of the 25 to be selected for the cohort.

The Institute’s idea of the cohort is to develop a diverse group of leaders through its fellowship program. For the next nine months, the 25 “fellows” will engage in residential sessions and virtual learning to develop strategies to meet their goals for student success and equity with data to assess challenges and progress.

“We continue to learn how the best community colleges improve outcomes for students and close persistent race- and income-based equity gaps,” College Excellence Program Executive Director Josh Wyner

said. “This year’s fellows have demonstrated their commitment to achieving excellent and equitable student outcomes, and we are eager to work with them as they join Aspen’s network of more than 100 fellows who serve as community college presidents.”

Out of the chosen 25, Randall is one of the only three presidents from a tribal college. President of Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College in Wisconsin Russell Swagger and President of Ilisagvik College in Alaska Justina Wilhelm are the other two tribal college presidents selected.

Randall said the program will provide professional development opportunities as a group and individually.

“They are going to work with us on increasing our student retention and graduation rate and what we consider out key performance indicators,” he said. “They are going to help us to collect and analyze student data. That’s how they are going help us improve those rates.”

Randall said he looks forward to professional development piece of it.

“I hope this helps me understand what is the important data I need to be looking at and how to analyze it,” Randall said.



Dr. Monte Randall was one of the 25 leaders for the 2021-22 class of Aspen New Presidents Fellowship. (Submission)

“Then how to redirect as needed and implement new strategies on the improvement measures through the data.”

Coming from a small tribal college, Randall claimed his contribution has a lot to offer the program.

“Other schools can look at how we’re addressing retention and graduation efforts through our cultural curriculum and tribal sense of resiliency,” he said. “Also how we engage our students on campus through our culture and language.”

The new class of Aspen Presidential Fellows is 48 percent female and 64 percent people of color located across 18 states with diverse institutions.

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- COLLEGE OF MUSCOGEE NATION PRESIDENT DR. MONTE RANDALL



The Looped Square Cattle Ranch is located on Prairie Bell Road just east of Okmulgee. (Morgan Taylor)

LAND PURCHASED FOR LOOPED SQUARE CATTLE RANCH

THE NEW RANCH WILL SUPPORT THE NEW MEAT PLANT

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee Nation has recently acquired a 5,570-acre ranch just east of Okmulgee located in Okmulgee County. The purchase is the largest known land acquisition by the Nation.

According to Director of Agriculture and Natural Resources Trent Kisse, the ranch was once part of a bigger ranch that is somewhat historic to this area.

According to Kisse, the Dillingham Ranch was nearly 12,000 acres before it was divided in half and sold. One half sold to the Stephens family, who has operated the ranch for about ten years.

Kisse said the family put it up for sale due to looking to purchase land closer to home in Guymon.

“We went and looked at it initially,” he said. “The Nation has been sort of curious and interested in large tracts before to grow our land base, growing our business side through service or economic development, food se-

curity, and trying to expand our options.”

Even though there was prior interest in purchasing large land tracts, Kisse claimed nothing seemed to be the right fit for the Nation until recently.

“This one is right here close to the headquarters, it borders the Okmulgee Airport, its right here in town, it’s all contiguous,” Kisse said. “It just kind of worked to where there was enough interest and the timing was right.”

According to Kisse, the Stephens family is slowly moving out and the Nation is slowly moving in with a few MCN-owned cattle already making the Looped Square Ranch their home.

He claimed the Stephens family has been operating an average 1,100 of cow and calf pairs.

“We probably won’t run quite that many,” Kisse said. “Our carrying capacity will be a little less but we still have our ranches and farm down south in Dustin and Hannah.”

Kisse believes the Looped Square ranch will allow the southern area ranch and farm to get a much-needed break.

“We are not abandoning them, but the good news is they will be able to get some rest,” he said. “We try to rest our pastures quite a bit anyway and implement some of those good managing practices but we were kind of getting to where we had 300 head of cow and calves and bulls. That’s quite a bit of stress and pressure on that land.”

Kisse said this ranch will serve as centralized location for

many programs while expanding other programs.

“Traditionally we’ve been really spread out in terms of our ranch, our Ag Youth Program, we got us (DANR) here, and the wildlife program,” he said. “Really looking forward to being all together and to be able to team up more and make our work stuff more efficient.”

The newly-acquired ranch has existing structures including a house, a trailer, barns, and buildings to store equipment.

“We can make it run perfect just as it is right now,” Kisse said. “We will take a slow and steady growth approach.”

Kisse claimed the ranch offers the Nation an abundance of opportunity for now and the future.

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Citizens and local community members gather at locally owned properties for Plant ID Field Day.

(Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

## FOURTH ANNUAL PLANT ID DAY

MCN CONSERVATION DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH LOCAL COMMISSIONS TO EDUCATE CITIZENS ON PLANT IDENTIFICATION

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**  
*REPORTER*

HOLDENVILLE, Oklaho-  
ma – The fourth annual Plant  
ID Field Day was held at the  
Hughes County Expo Center on  
Sept. 29.

The event was a result of a  
partnership between the Mus-  
cogee Nation Natural Resource  
Conservation District, Hughes  
County Conservation District,  
Oklahoma Conservation Com-  
mission, Farm Service Agency  
and Oklahoma Cooperative Ex-  
tension Service.

MCN Conservationist Julie  
Norem said the MCN Conser-  
vation District often partners  
with other conservation dis-  
tricts and commissions for the  
purpose of educating the pub-  
lic.

Norem’s role as a conserva-  
tionist requires her to help land  
owning citizens maximize the  
utilization of the United States  
Department of Agriculture  
(USDA) programs and other  
federal programs and technical

assistance.

According to the Oklahoma  
Outdoor Journal, Oklahoma is  
home to nearly 3,000 species  
of plants, each with their own  
identities and purposes.

Norem said most plants are  
fully grown by this time of year.  
“You can identify them by  
their seed heads,” Norem said.  
“It’s easier to show people what  
they look like.”

The event kicked off with  
breakfast at the Expo Center  
then moved to the first loca-  
tion, which was the home of  
Muscogee Nation Conserva-  
tion Commission Member and  
Vice-Chair Robin Jenkins.

Jenkins has been a part of  
the commission since its forma-  
tion in 2014.

This year, Jenkins volun-  
teered her property to host a  
portion of the Plant ID Field  
Day. The second location be-  
longed to member of the  
Hughes County Conservation  
Commission.

The group traveled to each  
property to identify native  
plants in the area.

Jenkins claimed even though  
both locations were in the same  
county and town, the compo-  
sition was very different from  
one another.

According to Norem, the  
purpose of the event is to edu-  
cate citizens on plants located  
in their areas and possibly even  
on their very own lands.

Blaine Stacy with the Okla-  
homa Conservation Commis-  
sion led the group and provid-  
ed information regarding the  
different species identified on  
each property.

According to Jenkins, her  
favorite part of the event is get-  
ting the community together  
and learning about each spe-  
cies.

Norem claimed the event has  
been held in a different county  
on the Mvskoke Reservation  
each year and plans to cover a  
new county next year.

The MCN Conservation Dis-  
trict offer technical assistance,  
soil, water and hay testing along  
with hog trap services.

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## VETERAN’S CABINET MEMBER CHARGED WITH FELONY DUI

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Race: I  
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Executive cabinet member Kellen Bible was booked Oct. 2 in Creek County jail.  
(Creek County Sheriff’s website)

by **LIZ GRAY**  
*MANAGING EDITOR*

CREEK COUNTY, Oklaho-  
ma – Executive Branch Cabinet  
Member for Veteran’s Affairs Kel-  
len Bible was booked into Creek  
County Jail Oct. 2 with an in-state  
federal and tribal hold.

According to the Muscogee  
(Creek) Nation District Court  
digital court record system, Bible  
had a previous charge of misde-  
meanor driving under the influ-  
ence and failure to maintain in-

surance or security in May and is  
currently facing a felony DUI and  
misdemeanor driving while li-  
cense canceled, denied, suspend-  
ed or revoked.

A bond has been set by Judge  
Gregory Bigler in the amount of  
\$2,000, with an arraignment set  
for Dec. 13.

Mvskoke Media reached out  
to the Executive Branch on the  
matter and received the follow-  
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CITIZEN PASSIONATE ABOUT ADVOCACY

DR. KATHLEEN ELLIOTT SOLD PRACTICE TO BECOME MCN GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SPECIALIST

by LANI HANSEN  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma-Muscogee (Creek) citizen Kathleen Foster Elliott, OD, Dipl. ABO found her passion in advocacy when she became the Government Relations Specialist for the Muscogee Nation.

Dr. Elliott upholds a family legacy in more than one way; she's a second-generation OD, the granddaughter of banker who worked to make loans more accessible to Native Americans and the great-great granddaughter of Chile Morgan, a member of the tribe who came to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears. Her father, George Foster, OD, served as Dean of the Northeastern State University College of Optometry (NSUOCO). He worked to improve the profession and expand access to Native Americans.

"My father was part of helping get laser scope for optometrists in Oklahoma," Elliott said. "He also expanded the program at NSU-CO to address the three-year wait times for Cherokee applicants."

Elliott worked in private practice with her father as well as for a stint with Muscogee and Cherokee Nation. She was named Optometrist of the Year in 2014 and Legislative Optometrist of the Year in 2012. For her the timing seemed right earlier in 2021 to make a big change.

"I'm at a place in government relations where I want to make it better for the next generation of Native American citizens," she said. "I feel humbled as a public servant."

Working to advocate for MCN has been more meaningful than Elliott could have imagined. Although her family was not raised



Dr. Kathleen Foster Elliott is the new Government Relations Specialist for Muscogee Nation. (Submission)

in traditional Native American ways, she is being drawn closer to those roots.

"In this role, I'm coming closer to the traditions. I'm learning more about the culture and roots," she said.

Her background in optometry has proven to be solid experience for this role.

"Optometry is a legislated profession. It behooves everyone to be involved at the state, local and federal level," Elliott said. "I can use the skill set learned in optometry and apply it to advocacy in government relations."

Elliott advocates for the tribe on multiple levels. The advocacy work she does for optometry helps her in the conversations and efforts to showcase the initiatives that the MCN is undertaking. In her role, she connects on municipal, federal and state levels with the key directors and executive branch in the tribal government and promotes collaboration.

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SUBMISSIONS

Dear Editor:

I wish to address the 2020 NC Rules of Procedure focusing on the “Gag Rule” section 114 H (h) which states:

“Use of social media (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, or similar social media applications) to disparage employees of the Nation or other Representatives of the National Council. National Council Representatives shall refrain from discussion of Nation business or disparagement of National Council legislation via the use of social media unless the particular Representative utilizing social media is the sponsor or co-sponsor of the legislation, and the particular Representative is not permitted to quote or address legislation that is not in its

final form (meaning the legislation has not yet been assigned to a committee).”

This rule is an unnecessary rule that prohibits an elected official (not the sponsor or co-sponsor of the legislation) from communicating with an MCN citizen with any Representative’s position on upcoming legislation in its final form via social media.

I am a Vietnam Era veteran and a member of the American Legion. I receive each month “The American Legion” magazine. The magazine has a section in it entitled “Big Issues”. The section prints “Support or Oppose” views of elected officials on topics such as, “Repeal 2002 War Powers Resolution”, “Biden’s Fiscal 2022 Budget Proposal”, “Expand The Supreme Court”, etc. At the bottom

of the page there is a statement - “Contact Your Elected Officials” with contact information for a Senator or a U.S. House Representative”.

What I am getting at is the NC “Gag” rule/policy has no place in our society. If a citizen wishes to confer with any NC Representative via social media as to his/her position on an upcoming legislative bill then it should be done freely via social media without the NC Representative being possibly subject to punishment. After all he/she was elected by the MCN citizens and his or her conference with the citizen may or may not sway their vote but the Representative will have input from the citizen(s) to bolster or negate his/her position on such legislation. Further, such rule/policy appears to violate the Freedom of Speech clause of the United States Constitution and Article II of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. (I am not an attorney but it appears to violate such

clauses)

As long as the legislation does not involve “National Security” an NC Representative is free to discuss his/her support or opposition to any legislation in its final form via social media. The choice is up to the Representative. The policy should be stricken from the 2020 NC Rules of Procedure.

In closing I have but one question. Does Freedom of Speech not exist in our NC when it comes to discussing legislative enactments with an MCN citizen via social media?

Rick Wilde  
Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community has a position available for Office Manager. This position works under minimal supervision during the day-to day procedures but reports directly to the Board of Director’s as needed. Must have Quickbooks experience, ba-

sic accounting and bookkeeping procedures. Be knowledgeable of Microsoft software and experience processing payroll. Position requires you to attend monthly meetings and perform other duties as assigned by the Board of Director’s. Must have a valid driver’s license, required to have a background check completed, Indian preference preferred. Salary is negotiable.

Applicants: To apply for this position; submit a resume and employment application to the Tulsa Creek Indian Community. Employment applications are available at the Tulsa Creek Indian Community, 8611 South Union Ave Tulsa, OK 74132. You may also e-mail your resume to [tulic@muscogeenation.com](mailto:tulic@muscogeenation.com) or fax to (918) 298-2466. Applications will be accepted until position has been filled.

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“We tell the story of the positive things that are happening,” she said. “A lot of the week is meeting with the chambers of commerce, mayors, state government officials and others in our reservation boundaries of 11 counties. We work on mutual shared interests.”

She added, “For example, when the COVID-19 pandemic started our Native American pop-

ulation was at a high risk.”

With the tribe’s vaccine efforts with the state and local health department, they were able to push the vaccination effort along more quickly, delivering more than 35,000 vaccines.

Her understanding of health care also aligns with some key initiatives. She said being a doctor is one initiative that helps her, with relationships built over time with legislative connections.

“I have the ability to interface and have the passion to help the citizens we represent,” she said.

In her role, Elliott has brought in help to start several initiatives to help Native American students such as, opening more spots in academic institutions and a student mentoring program to encourage Native youth to go into medicine.

Additionally, with MCN purchasing a hospital recently it will make that facility available to serve Native and non-Native citizens.

Her hope is that new ODs will learn about advocacy and make waves.

“I hope I can encourage the

next generation to know that optometry can open many doors,” she said.

Elliott comes from a line of leaders and individual effort. One of her brothers is involved in help-

ing Native American pre-health students. Her other brother, Captain Calvin Foster is an advocate with the Pentagon for Native American issues and helped name the U.S. Navy ship after the tribe.

“If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu. You have to be willing to serve and be involved in the grassroots.”

– DR. KATHLEEN FOSTER ELLIOTT



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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
OKMULGEE DISTRICT**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
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M.B.S.; DOB: 03/24/2005 ) **Case No.: JV-2021-13**  
D.S.; DOB: 08/02/2007 )  
L.S.; DOB: 03/28/2011 )  
  
**Alleged Deprived Child(ren).** )

**JUVENILE SUMMONS**

**THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: UNKNOWN FATHER**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above named children are deprived children and that, as the parent of said children, M.B.S., D.S. and L.S., you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the **Courtroom or Virtually** as directed by the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the **5th** day of **November**, **2021** at the hour of **9:00 a.m.**, for an **Adjudication Hearing** and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

**IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.**

Issued this **15th** day of September, 2021.

[Seal] Deputy Court Clerk  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court  
JOSIE JOHN SOKO NANCY  
OFFICE OF OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COURT  
The undersigned hereby certifies that it is intended  
to be a full, true and correct copy of the original  
as the same appears on file placed in the District  
Court Records.  
JOSIE JOHN SOKO  
Court Clerk

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
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**M.B.S. ; DOB: 03/24/2005** )  
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**L.S. ; DOB: 03/28/2011** )

**Alleged Deprived Child(ren).** )

**JUVENILE SUMMONS**

**THE MUSCOGEE NATION to:     Richard McDowell**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named children are deprived children and that, as the parent of said child, L.S., you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom or Virtually as directed by the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. for an **Adjudication Hearing** and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

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[Seal]  Deputy Court Clerk  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court  
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
DISTRICT COURT  
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DISTRICT COURT  
for a full, true and correct copy of instrument  
to be certified hereby certifies this instrument  
and the contents hereof to be true and correct  
and the contents hereof to be true and correct  
and the contents hereof to be true and correct  
this 1st day of April, 2011  
Deputy Court Clerk



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**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 \$312,684,752.61

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20 and FY21 as of this report date equals, **\$307,799,979.94**

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **OCTOBER 15TH**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
50100	<b>PRINCIPAL CHIEF</b>				
51100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	86,000.00	86,000.00	-	-
56010	Fringe-PT/Other	10,449.00	10,449.00	-	-
	Donations/Contributions	49,187.20	10,000.00	-	39,187.20
	<b>SECRETARY OF NATION</b>				
53000	Supplies	2,700.00	2,504.00	-	196.00
54000	Contractual	9,245,034.70	8,861,922.14	-	383,112.56
58010	Construction	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	-
59220	Grants	302,610.85	300,114.32	-	2,496.53
53000	<b>MARKETING &amp; TOURISM</b>				
59050	Supplies	1,537.38	1,537.38	-	-
59440	Food Purchases	681,025.44	670,043.79	-	10,981.65
	Incidentals	4,048.79	4,048.79	-	-
53000	<b>CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT</b>				
55210	Supplies	1,700.00	1,691.75	-	8.25
59220	Communications - Other	3,000.00	80.40	-	2,919.60
	Grants	6,825,910.80	5,051,053.89	-	1,774,856.91
53000	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
53010	Supplies	771,070.56	758,881.85	6,366.80	5,821.91
54000	Software/Licenses	1,312,512.36	1,236,250.96	-	76,261.40
55210	Contractual	54,626.40	54,626.40	-	-
55300	Communications- Other	199,706.49	199,706.49	-	-
85500	Bldg Maint/Repairs	164,818.95	110,864.79	41,758.34	12,195.82
	Equipment	3,535,033.48	3,522,699.81	-	12,333.67
50000	<b>FLEET MANAGEMENT</b>				
50020	Salary & Wages - FT	5,000.00	1,984.94	-	3,015.06
50100	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	25,000.00	20,200.69	-	4,799.31
51000	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	23,291.20	21,403.20	-	1,888.00
51100	Fringe - FT	20,199.00	4,059.83	-	16,139.17
53000	Fringe - PT/Other	2,890.96	2,594.04	-	296.92
53290	Supplies	2,975,827.83	1,692,790.88	87,897.27	1,195,139.68
54000	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	36,224.86	-	13,775.14
55300	Contractual	12,825.00	2,731.58	1,968.42	8,125.00
85400	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
85500	Indirect Costs	-	520.32	-	-520.32
	Vehicles	151,476.00	146,021.00	-	5,455.00
	Equipment	308,000.00	180,930.00	87,615.44	39,454.56
50000	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
50020	Salary & Wages - FT	94,073.60	93,187.71	-	885.89
51000	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	14,175.00	9,404.41	-	4,770.59
53000	Fringe - FT	61,228.22	65,179.10	-	-3,950.88
54000	Supplies	5,502.79	5,466.79	-	36.00
57000	Contractual	465,411.29	456,117.05	9,294.24	-
59071	Indirect Costs	-	15,249.11	-	-15,249.11
59072	Direct Assist - Income Support	56,333,581.41	56,110,400.00	-	223,181.41
	Direct Assist - Hardship	35,934,588.07	35,752,400.00	-	182,188.07
53000	<b>SENIOR SERVICES</b>				
	Supplies	200,000.00	185,364.01	-	14,635.99
53000	<b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b>				
59050	Supplies	79,999.64	75,214.69	-	4,784.95
85050	Food Purchases	146,239.79	146,239.79	-	-
85170	Renovations	130,000.00	112,433.28	14,854.20	2,712.52
85400	Construction	493,871.53	311,025.48	181,107.56	1,738.49
85500	Vehicles	63,417.60	63,417.60	-	-
	Equipment	525,000.00	262,500.00	262,500.00	-
53000	<b>ELDERLY NUTRITION</b>				
55100	Supplies	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
85170	Utilities	1,500.00	37.00	-	1,463.00
	Construction	536,500.00	454,822.08	37,347.85	44,330.07
50000	<b>SECRETARY OF EDUCATION</b>				
50020	Salary& Wages- FT	3,018.44	2,610.77	-	407.67
51000	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	73,329.31	39,638.80	-	33,690.51
53000	Fringe - FT	42,925.42	66,214.09	-	-23,288.67
56030	Supplies	779,513.00	545,116.77	-	234,396.23
57000	Stipends/Honorariums	25,000.00	10,000.00	-	15,000.00
59073	Indirect Costs	-	10,770.61	-	-10,770.61
	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	2,180,488.29	2,175,981.53	-	4,506.76
53000	<b>MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT</b>				
85010	Supplies	60,000.00	4,453.32	48,453.47	7,093.21
85170	Architect & Engineering	1,165,012.00	1,134,774.82	30,237.18	-
85500	Construction	14,800,000.00	13,139,291.37	1,659,476.63	1,232.00
	Equipment	1,474,988.00	1,126,426.53	316,969.13	31,592.34
54000	<b>REAL ESTATE SERVICES</b>				
	Contractual	12,374.00	11,470.83	-	903.17
59220	<b>CULTURAL PRESERVATION</b>				
	Grants	2,189,999.00	2,189,998.95	-	0.05
50100	<b>TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION</b>				
51100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	19,234.80	19,234.80	-	-
53000	Fringe - PT/Other	2,337.03	2,337.03	-	-
85010	Supplies	45,683.00	45,683.00	-	-
85170	Architect & Engineering	145,244.88	129,162.23	-	16,082.65
85500	Construction	14,588,142.53	14,463,379.53	4,001.00	120,762.00
	Equipment	130,110.00	130,110.00	-	-
58010	<b>SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS</b>				
	Construction	313,297.00	297,631.64	3,460.36	12,205.00
53000	<b>OFFICE OF JUSTICE</b>				
54000	Supplies	26,799.29	26,799.29	-	-
	Contractual	24,738.00	24,738.00	-	-
54000	<b>OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION</b>				
55300	Contractual	36,300.00	25,503.00	-	10,797.00
85500	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80	-1,159.20	1,159.20	340.80
	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
53000	<b>CITIZENSHIP BOARD</b>				
54000	Supplies	177,704.50	171,890.80	-	5,813.70
	Contractual	231,500.00	142,900.00	-	88,600.00
85500	<b>LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION</b>				
	Equipment	56,790.00	56,790.00	-	-
53000	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL</b>				
	Supplies	623.34	623.34	-	-
53310	<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>				
85500	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	10,512.00	-	-
	Equipment	176,011.68	159,761.68	16,250.00	-
90110	<b>SECRETARY OF HEALTH</b>				
	Transfer Out	-	17,958,502.74	-	-17,958,502.74
	TOTAL	160,706,303.67	171,232,943.47	2,810,717.09	-13,337,356.89