

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO PLACE PROPERTY IN HASKELL COUNTY IN TRUST STATUS
WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO AUTHORIZE the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place this acquisition of land into trust status with the United States of America.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Choctaw Tribal Council (the "Council") shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of chief executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation;

WHEREAS, the Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with authority to acquire land for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of its people and taking further advantage of the opportunities for self-determination and economic independence. As a recognized Indian Nation, the Nation is eligible to utilize the fee to trust application process set out in the 25 CFR § 151 including Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of June 18, 1934, as amended, which is codified at 25 U.S.C. § 5108, formerly 25 U.S.C. § 465, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (the "Secretary") to acquire land in trust for Indians;

WHEREAS, the Nation has fee title to 44.94 acres of real property located at 2208 East Main Street, Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma. See Exhibit A. The subject property is within the exterior treaty boundaries of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and as such, is within the Nation's reservation identified in the Treaty of April 28, 1866, (14 Stat. 769).

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined a need to increase tribal trust land to provide more governmental services to tribal members, to promote tribal self-determination and sovereignty, to increase self-sufficiency, and to increase economic independence. The Nation has approximately 200,000 enrolled members, approximately 47,649 living in the tribal service area. See BIA, American Indian Population and Labor Force Report, (2010). The Nation expects tribal membership to increase along with tribal services. This growth is expected to continue, and this acquisition will address the Nation's need for additional land;

WHEREAS, the subject property is located at 2208 East Main Street, Stigler, Haskell County, Oklahoma. It is currently owned by the Nation and the property will be utilized to facilitate self-determination and provide governmental services to Tribal citizens. Currently the property is improved with a tribal community center, a Head Start, a medical clinic, and a Wellness Center. This acquisition will provide easier access to community gatherings for Tribal citizens, and head start for children to gain a good start in life and readiness skills that best promote the child's success. The Nation also has a commitment to improving a healthier lifestyle by providing a medical clinic and a wellness center to promote healthy living and improving the quality of life of Tribal citizens. The Nation plans to continue utilizing the property for the same purposes. See Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Nation seeks to request the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to accept this fee title to the United States of America to be held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;

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WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to place the above-mentioned property in Haskell County, Oklahoma in trust status with the U.S.A.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, or his designee, to make a request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, to place into trust status in accordance with the Bureau of Indian Affairs policy and procedure for the acquisition of land the property described as follows:

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 21 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Haskell County, State of Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the corner of Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, marked with an unidentified Concrete Nail;

Thence, along the north line of the NW¼ of Section 16, North 89 degrees 33 minutes 03 seconds East, a distance of 1646.80 feet to a set Magnetic Nail with "CFedS 1031 CA3948" Tag for the northeast corner of the herein described tract of land;

Thence, South 00 degrees 32 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 660.25 feet to a found ½ inch iron pin with no identification cap;

Thence, South 89 degrees 33 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 329.45 feet to a found ½ inch pin no identification cap;

Thence, South 00 degrees 32 minutes 06 seconds East, a distance of 660.25 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron pin with cap mared "CFedS 1031 CA3948" in the most southeasterly corner of the herein described tract of land;

Thence, South 89 degrees 33 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 1318.25 feet set Magnetic Nail and tag marked "CFedS 1031 CA3948", on the west line of the NW¼ of Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 21 East, being the southwest corner of the herein described tract of land;

Thence, along the west line of the NW¼ of Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 21 East, North 00 degrees 30 minutes 03 seconds West, a distance of 1320.25 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 44.94 acres, more or less, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST. Exhibit A, attached herein, is the aerial photograph of general area of location.

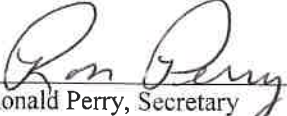
"This description and these deeds are intended to convey to the United States any interest that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma may have in the described tract or any interest it may have acquired by virtue of a deed from Bobby Oldham, also known as Bobby N. Oldham, also known as Bobby Neal Oldham, dated June 29, 1998, and filed of record at Book 567, Page 484, in Haskell County, Oklahoma; and a deed dated December 6, 2004, and filed of record at Book 674, Page 115, in Haskell County, Oklahoma; and a deed dated November 24, 1998, and filed of record at Book 573, Page 403, in Haskell County, Oklahoma."

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval of the property's current utilization to facilitate self-determination and provide governmental services to Tribal citizens and approval of its current improvements, which include a tribal community center. The Nation plans to continue utilizing the property for the same purposes.

CERTIFICATION

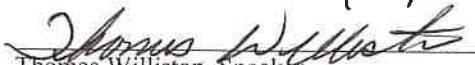
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 10, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-09-21 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes and zero (0) abstaining.

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Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date: 10-14-20



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma