

TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE RENOVATION FOR THE NEW WILBURTON COMMUNITY CENTER

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the capital expenditure for the renovation of the former Merit Energy property in Wilburton, Oklahoma for a new Community Center.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, “The Tribal Council shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property”;

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2020, Council approved the purchase of the former Merit Building with the purpose of making it a new Community Center and office building. In March, 2021, the Nation purchased the former Merit Building for use as a Community Center and as offices for Tribal Services, Information Technology, Tribal Police, Tribal Council, Commerce and other tribal departments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council (the “Council”) of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to make a capital expenditure in the amount of \$8,018,001.00 for the renovation and site development of the former Merit Building.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval of funds to renovate a commercial building and real property for use as a Community Center and Office Building with parking lot and site development located at 1455 N.W. Highway 2, Wilburton, Oklahoma for Eight Million Eighteen Thousand One Dollars (\$8,018,001.00).

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval to renovate the commercial building and real estate at: Lots 10 & 11 in Townsite Addition Number 5, Section 6, Range 5 North, Range 19, East of the IBM, Latimer County, Oklahoma ADD #5 12.45A Lot 10, 7.52 A Lot 11, 581/272-86 (property address: 1455 NW HWY 2, Wilburton, Oklahoma 74578).

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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 9, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-22 -22 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE RENOVATION FOR THE NEW WILBURTON
COMMUNITY CENTER


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Battor, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-15-21

**APPROVAL OF THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE RENOVATION FOR THE NEW
WILBURTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve the funds to renovate a 19,552 square-foot commercial building and develop portions 19.97 acres of land at 1455 Northwest Hwy 2, Wilburton, OK 74578 for a new Community Center with office space and a parking lot. If the funds are approved, the building will be used for a new community center. The new commercial building could be used for multiple Choctaw Nation departments such as Information Technology and Tribal Services as well. Meeting rooms and conference space could generate supplemental revenue when rented. The surrounding land could be used for future expansions and developments such as elder housing, affordable rental housing, or other purposes. This bill approves the funds to renovate a 19,552 square-foot commercial building with 19.97 acres of land in Wilburton, Oklahoma for \$8,018,001.00.

**Title of Council Bill: APPROVAL OF THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE RENOVATION FOR
THE NEW WILBURTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Agency: Member Services

Budget: \$8,018,001

Request by Project Director: Teresa Jackson, Member Services