

TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TALIHINA FIRE AND FORESTRY FACILITY

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE funding for the construction of a new forestry/fire office and shop facilities in Talihina.

WHEREAS, Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Tribal Council") approved the application for funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to fund part of the expense of constructing a new forestry/fire facility in Talihina in CB-03-18;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") has been awarded a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for construction in the amount of \$2,500,000.00;

WHEREAS, the total cost of the facility construction is \$5,435,211.00;

WHEREAS, the Nation is responsible for the remaining construction cost of \$2,935,211.00; and

WHEREAS, construction of the new facility will greatly increase the office space available for multiple Nation departments and employees and significantly increases the storage space for equipment, thereby substantially improving the effectiveness and efficiency of departments and staff as outlined in Exhibit A.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,500,000.00) from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for construction of a new forestry/fire office and shop facility in Talihina.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to appropriate the remaining construction costs for the new forestry/fire office and shop facility in Talihina in the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,935,211.00).

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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 8, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 04 -23 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-12-22

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: Integrated Services leadership is requesting funding approval for the construction of a new 14,000 square foot Talihina Fire and Forestry Facility. The current facility is over fifty years old and is inadequate for current operations. The proposed new facility will provide adequate office, work, and storage space for forestry and fire operations.

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Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs

Choctaw Nation Department: Integrated Services

Federal Award: \$2,500,000.00

Nation Funding Required: \$2,935,211.00

Total Budget: \$5,435,211.00

Request by: Ron Abney, Executive Officer, Tribal Property Operations; Kelly McKaughan, SEO Integrated Services