

NOTES TO THE NATION MARCH 4, 2008

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

The Osage Congress Appropriations Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 AM in the Chambers.

We will be considering the appropriations process for fiscal year 2010 which begins October 1, 2009. Due to concerns about the economy and the myriad of problems the Osage Nation is facing, we are hoping to have the full cooperation of the Executive Branch in meeting necessary deadlines. In prior years, it seemed there never was a deadline that they could meet. We hope and pray that tomorrow will usher in a new spirit of cooperation and efficiency.

The following is a preview of issues we hope to cover tomorrow. Submitted by Congresswoman Faren Revard Anderson, Chair of the Appropriation Committee.

A PROACTIVE CONGRESS BEGINS THE FY10 BUDGET PROCESS EARLY!

By Congresswoman, Faren Anderson

The Congressional Appropriations Committee has met three times during the last 2 weeks to begin preparing for the FY10 budgeting process early. The committee has met with Robert Hyatt, Director of Operations, during the meetings to begin discussing the process for the FY10 budget requests. Discussions about the upcoming budget requests have begun and the Congressional Appropriations Committee has requested a meeting be held tomorrow to gather information that will help project the Nation's FY10 projected revenue.

Last Friday, February 27th, the agenda was posted for tomorrow's Congressional Committee on Appropriations meeting to include the following items:

- Revenue Projection Reports
- FY10 Budget Allocation Number
- Budget Composition – Legislative Plan and Executive Plan

In an effort to make the budgeting process improve each year, the Congressional Appropriations Committee has hosted several public meetings to begin opening the lines of communication with the Executive branch and the people of the Nation. By starting the process earlier this year, the Committee hopes that this will help insure the budgets will get proper review by all parties involved.

The Appropriations Committee began last year's budgeting process at the end of April, with a deadline of June 15th for the budget requests to be received by the Congress. The Executive Branch delivered the budget requests to Congress in late July.

Members of the Congressional Appropriations Committee are:
Anderson, Branstetter, Atterberry, Red Eagle and Supernaw

Executive Branch representatives who are to attend tomorrow's meeting and present their information are: Robert Hyatt, Director of Operations, John Jech, Treasurer, a representative from the Chief's office, a representative from the Osage Nation Gaming - Million Dollar Elm, a representative from the Osage Nation Tax Commission and a representative from the Osage LLC Board.

COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

This committee is scheduled to meet from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM tomorrow in the Chambers.

The single item on the agenda is a discussion of the LLC. This is the entity created by Congressional legislation to pursue economic development. Members of the LLC Board will be in attendance.

The LLC appears to be getting off to a rough start due to what I would characterize as interference by the Executive Branch. The whole idea of the LLC was to take politics out of running the Nation's business. Instead of achieving that, it looks like it is all politics now.

NEWS ARTICLES FROM THE PAST

These articles are taken from Kansas newspapers from the late 1800's. The news was written from the white man's point of view and sometimes the Osage didn't get treated fairly. These excerpts are passed on for their historical value only.

Arkansas City Traveler, January 24, 1877.

Osages killed no buffalo. The Indian pecan trade is over. Sleigh bells jingle in Pawhuska.

Some Osage words resemble German. Mourning Indians are wailing in the snow. White Hair says the ice is 14 inches thick. Most of the Osages have gone to their lodges. 59 Indian children are in school at this place. Tommy Adams has shown us a five-footed pig. Ferry boats have stopped and teams are driving over ice. Locher Harjo, Governor of the Creek Nation, has been impeached. Sermons by Supt. Nicholson are highly appreciated by Pawhuskans. It is said that 12,000 Sioux Indians will come into the Territory next May. Many houses built by the late Agent Gibson for the Osages have been abandoned. John Robinson's absquatulated giraffe was recaptured in the streets of Catawba, North Carolina, last week.

S. A. GALPIN, of the office of commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., made Pawhuska his first visit last week.

The Dodge City *Times* says a hunting party has returned from the Cimarron River where they killed 125 turkeys, 300 quails, 4 deer, and 4 buffalo.

Oliver S. Hiatt, of Fairmount, Kansas, is now Superintendent of the Pawhuska school, and will remain until the return of Supt. Huddleston, from the Kansas Legislature.

Hon. Aaron Huddleston, Superintendent of the Osage School at this place, has gone to Topeka, where he will represent the people of the 16th Representative District in the Kansas Legislature.

Arkansas City Traveler, January 24, 1877.

Death of Osage Chief.

CHE-TO-PAH, CHIEF COUNSELOR OF THE OSAGE NATION, who gave Agent Beede and Governor Joe a horse each as the last act of his life, is dead.

