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## These tribal Council representatives are Chad Smith's Rubber Stamps!

In the trial outlined on page 1 of the July 2005 issue, these candidates accepted the illegal Cherokee voters list from Chief Chad Smith. Which has been determined is illegal. Could it be the reason they are protecting and doing what Chief Smith tells them to do? They may have violated Cherokee Laws as well, as they took this list and used it in their campaigns.



Buel Anglen  
District 8

Jackie Bob Martin  
District 2

Phyllis Yargee  
District 3



Audra Smoke Connor  
District 1

Don Garvin  
District 4

William Johnson  
District 8



Cara Cowan  
District 7

Meredith Swimmer  
Frailey  
District 6

Although she (Meredith Swimmer Frailey) didn't run on Chad Smith's slate, she has since sold out the Cherokee people on every important issue that has come before the tribal council.



The Cherokee people voted to have the tribal council represent the Cherokees in their district. Not just their personal view or opinion or what the Chief tells them to do. It seems they may have violated election laws by not declaring that Chief Smith had given them, the illegal Cherokee voters list that had been obtained illegally by Chief Smith and illegally distributed it to these candidates running for office.

These tribal councilor may need to be replaced for violated the oath they took to uphold the laws of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. The Cherokee people have shown since 1995, they will not re-elect tribal councilors that violate their oath of office.

### Cherokee High Court Overrules Principal Chief's Motion

The Judicial Appeals Tribunal (JAT) has overruled a motion by Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Principal Chief Chad Smith in a lawsuit filed by officers of the Cherokee

by former BIA head Neil McCaleb. The letter, signed by McCaleb, says, "we are prepared to approve," and gives no indication of approval of the Constitutional amendment



Nation Constitution Convention. The suit had been put on hold once before by a motion filed by the Principal Chief pending his efforts to get the Secretary of the Interior to approve the 1999 Constitution.

voted in by CNO voters to strike U.S. government approval of other amendments to the CNO Constitution.

Smith, through Diane Hammonds, Justice Department director, asked the Court to stay proceeding for 45 days pending another attempt by the administration to seek approval of the Constitution. The motion, filed on August 15,

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## UKB Tribal Council Banishes Chad Smith

Tahlequah, Okla. — The United Keetoowah Band Tribal Council voted 9-2 on Saturday, September 3, 2005 to banish Chad Smith from their tribal rolls. In the notice of banishment mailed to Smith, the reasons for banishment were that Smith was attempting to: destroy the principles on which UKB was founded, deprive UKB members of their rights, and weaken the UKB's status as a federally recognized tribe.



AP wire photo

"The traditional people are glad we made the move to pursue banishment of an individual who has threatened the daily existence of our tribe," stated UKB Chief George Wickliffe. "Although the codes were passed providing for a banishment process, it is not one we would like to use. However, we are prepared to do so in a valid case such as Mr. Smith's."

The banishment of Smith was first officially discussed in a letter dated May 12, 2000, under a previous administration. Tribal councilors and attorneys recommended that "in view of Chief Smith's open hostility toward the UKB, the UKB should immediately review his actions and determine whether they are actionable under UKB law."

A letter addressed to Chief George Wickliffe on Thursday, September 1 stated that Smith was relinquishing his membership. Upon the receipt of the letter, Assistant Chief Charles Locust advised "Just as the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma requires certain relinquishment procedures, the UKB Relinquishment procedures require a signature on an official relinquishment form. Should Chad Smith not come into the UKB Enrollment Offices by noon on Friday, September 2, 2005, banishment proceedings at the UKB regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting on Saturday, September 3, 2005, as planned." Locust noted that the intent to relinquish was addressed as a letter to UKB Chief George Wickliffe not UKB enrollment nor was it sent by certified as his previous request for a time change, and therefore Smith's was not an official communication.

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## Housing Authority Flap Threatens to Derail CNO Budget

By Ed Crittenden

Council members voted Monday, September 12, to approve a \$335 million budget for fiscal year 2006. For the first time in Cherokee history, the Chief's office now has control of the budget of the Housing Authority and all of its employees.

Following an hour of debate, Deputy Chief Joe Grayson handed \$13,462,703 of Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation (HACN), funds to the CNO administration by breaking a 7-7 tie in the September Regular Council Meeting.

The Annual Tribal Budget, always a hot item on the agenda, was no different this year during the three days of Committee Budget Hearings just prior to the full council meeting with Council members questioning and debating to carve political fat out of the proposed budget and the administration busy lobbying councilors for enough votes to keep pork barrel agenda projects

in. Once the budget goes to full council it is but a vote away from turning the administration loose with over \$300 million to spend within the next year.

Councilman Bill John Baker the Executive Finance Co-Chairman posed questions to HACN Acting Director, David Sutherland asking, "If we pull almost \$13.5 million out of the housing authority budget how is it going to affect it?"

Sutherland replied, "It is according to what cost pool you are talking about. The 2 million in administration money that will be cut from the HCN and moved to the tribe will simply leave a lot less money to operate our administration."

He added, "They could turn around and give it back with no net affect but we don't have any information to know much more than that."

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## District 8 Councilman Sweat'n Bullets

by David Cornsilk, CO correspondent

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma members have alleged for years that some councilmembers gain favors from the programs and business enterprises of the Cherokee people. After an anonymous tipster provided 12 pages of documents to the Inspector General (IG) of the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), someone is taking notice.



Buel Anglen - District 8

According to a source close to the Council, District 8 (Tulsa and Washington Counties) councilman, Buel Anglin, is the subject of an investigation by the HUD IG. The source said Anglin had been in contact with the Cherokee Nation legal Council, Todd Hembree, nearly all day, making extensive phone calls from his home north of Tulsa.

"Anglin is really worried, the source said. "He's sweat'n bullets and wondering what's going to happen to him." The source added that Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Office of Justice director Diane Hammonds also has the documents, but did nothing with them. "I believe she was told by the Chief (Chad Smith) to sit on it and see if it goes away," the source alleged.

Documents show that Anglin, a member of the Chad Smith slate of councilors, which also includes Audra Smoke Connor, Cara Cowan, Phyllis Yargee, Bill Johnson, Jackie Bob Martin and Don Garvin, has a couple of relatives working for businesses owned by the Cherokee Nation,

possibly in violation of Cherokee Nation law. "That's not the worst of it," according to the confidential source.

There are also allegations that Anglin used his position as a councilman and as a rubberstamp of the Smith administration agenda, to gain access to lucrative contracts from Cherokee Nation Enterprises for a business enterprise he owns.

The source pointed out that the documents also show that Anglin may have lied about his residency, garnering large sums of money to repair his mother's home. "The tangled web of deceit regarding the repairs to Anglin's home, or his mother's home, or whichever, will have to be sorted out by the IG, according to the source. "He (Anglin) used his position as a councilman to do some sneaky deals to a home that didn't deserve the repairs."

In an unrelated matter, controversy continues to swirl around the head of Buel Anglin's right to sit on the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council. While his residency

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## Battle Begins To Increase Tribal Services With Gaming Dividend

by Ed Crittenden

An Act proposing an increase in the dividend paid by Cherokee Nation Enterprises from gaming revenues to the Cherokee Nation for services was tabled on August 25th at the monthly meeting. Councilors who are undecided about the increase want to consider the long-term effects.

The sponsor of the Bill, Councilor Linda O'Leary of the Delaware District 5, proposed an increase in the tribal dividend paid by the Cherokee Nation Enterprises to one percent of projected gross

revenues stating that, "The Cherokee people deserve actual services reaching them to be at least one penny out of every dollar that is generated by the gaming operations of the tribe."

"Compared to other tribes, the pittance that we are presently receiving for services from tribal enterprises is almost criminal," said O'Leary.

The original proposal sought a one percent dividend to be based on the tribe's gaming income before payouts rather than after all expenses are taken

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The lawsuit, filed several months ago by Dennis Jay Hannah and Ralph F. Keen, Jr., asks the JAT to determine if the 1999 Constitution can be implemented absent approval by the Secretary of the Interior, based solely on a letter written

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