

Minutes

Business, Finance, & Justice
Committee
April 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: William Lowe, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Representative Adam Jones III

ROLL CALL: April Lindsey Legislative Clerk accounted for five members present and none counted as absent/excused at the time of roll call. **Members present:** Adam Jones III, Patrick Freeman, William Lowe, Robert Hufft and Travis Scott. **Members absent/excused:**

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Yes. Five members present constitute a quorum. Therefore, any business transacted will be valid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3/22/21

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Approve the minutes with any changes necessary**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **All in favor, None against. Motion carried.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

NCA 21-040 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TAX COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

***Chairman Lowe relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Scott.**

NCA 21-041 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Do Pass Substitute**. Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried. Representatives L. Tiger III; A. Marshall; J. Hicks were added as Co-Sponsors.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe – Yes

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott –

Adam Jones III – Yes

NCA 21-042 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 37, CHAPTER 9 ENTITLED “Record requests between public bodies” AND CREATING NEW LAW ENTITLED “Information Requests”

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 1 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe – Yes

Robert Hufft–No
Travis Scott –

Adam Jones III – Yes

***Vice-Chairman Scott relinquished the Chair back to Chairman Lowe.**

NCA 21-043 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 14 § 1-802 ENTITLED “Release prior to trial”

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

NCA 21-044 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 26 ENTITLED “JUDICIAL BRANCH/COURTS” AND AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

NCA 21-045 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING NEW LAW IN TITLE 30, CHAPTER 9 ENTITLED “GOVERNMENT RECORDS”

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Do Pass Substitute**. Representative Patrick

Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Strike § 9-104 “D” from the legislation.** Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Robert Hufft–Yes	Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe –	Travis Scott – Yes	

Back to the Main Motion as amended. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 1 against. Motion carried. Representatives A. Marshall; J. Hicks were added as Co-sponsors.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Robert Hufft–Yes	Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe –	Travis Scott – No	

NCA 21-046 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 26 ENTITLED “JUDICIAL BRANCH/COURTS”

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Do Pass.** Representative Travis Scott seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Postpone Indefinitely.** Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Robert Hufft–Yes	Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe –	Travis Scott – Yes	

Referred Legislation:

Representative Travis Scott made a motion to **Approve all funding sources for Referred Legislation.** Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Robert Hufft–Yes	Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe –	Travis Scott – Yes	

OTHER BUSINESS:

***Chairman William Lowe relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Travis Scott.**

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Add NCR 21-003 and NCA 21-047 to the Agenda for action.** Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a

motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Robert Hufft–Yes Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe – Yes Travis Scott –

NCR 21-003 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE SERVICES CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL AND NATIVE ADVISORY LLC

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried. Representatives L. Tiger III; A. Jones III; R. Hufft; A. Marshall were added as Co-Sponsors.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Robert Hufft–Yes Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe – Yes Travis Scott –

NCA 21-047 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Robert Hufft–Yes Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe – Yes Travis Scott –

***Vice-Chair Travis Scott relinquished the chair back to Chairman William Lowe.**

Representative Travis Scott made a motion to **Go into Executive Session**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Robert Hufft–Yes Adam Jones III – Yes
William Lowe – Travis Scott – Yes

In Executive Session at: 7:40 p.m.

Discussion:

Update on the McGirt Decision Progress – District Court Judges

GOAB

One Fire Holding Company, LLC
Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise
Muscogee International, LLC

Out of Executive Session at: 9:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Adjourn**. Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **All in favor, None against.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

APPROVAL

William Lowe, Chairman

Legislative Clerk

Date