

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL
AGENDA

DECEMBER 12, 2023
4:00 PM
LOCAL OFFICE SITES/LIFESIZE

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Invocation
 - b. Roll Call
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - a. December 5, 2023 Minutes
 - b. Greg Gunderson, CFO October 2023 Monthly Report
 - c. Brad Jolly Legal Billing Statement
 - d. Jensen Rogert Associates Inc. Contract Renewal
 - e. Rave Mobile Safety RFP dba Apparmor Renewal
 - f. TNT Construction RFP
 - g. Updated Scope of Work for BIA Johnson O'Malley Program
 - h. Heidman Law Firm Contract Renewal for ICWA Cases
 - i. Thiele Geotech Inc Professional Services Agreement for Fee Land
 - j. Ratifications
- IV. PATRICK JENNINGS, CEO TRIBAL AFFAIRS
 - a. Tribal Court Judge Blood
 - i. Requesting Council Direction Concerning Customary Adoptions of Non-Ponca's
 - b. National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Application – RESOLUTION
 - c. Winter Count Budget
- V. JONATHAN ROBINSON, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
 - a. Emergency Closing Policy Revised
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - a. Request TC Authorization to Hire an Additional Finance Deputy position (Greg Gunderson)
 - b. CEO Health Services Screening Matrix (Jonathan Robinson)
- VIII. ADJOURN

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
(for employees only)

DATE SUBMITTED: __12_/_4_/_23__

All Agenda Item Requests must be approved and submitted with all supporting documents to Jan Colwell, Executive Assistant to Tribal Council by 10 AM the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday Council Meeting.

Tribal Council Meeting Date: __12__/_12__/_23__

Regular Session __X__ Executive Session _____

Subject: Financial Reports as of October 2023 _____

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

__No action required _____

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? __X__ Yes _____ No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: _G Gunderson _____

APPROVED __G Gunderson _____
Executive Management

Who will be present at the TC Mtg. in regards to this Agenda Item? __G Gunderson

Revised 1/24/23

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

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DATE SUBMITTED: 12/05/2023

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Tribal Council Meeting Date: 12/12/2023Regular Session _x_ Executive Session _____Subject: Mass Notification System

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Motion to approve annual subscription to Rave Mobile Safety (DBA Apparmor) Mass Notification System in the amount of \$7,205.00.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? X Yes _____ No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: Victoria Champaign

APPROVED _____

12/6/23

Executive ManagementWho will be present at the TC Mtg. in regards to this Agenda Item? Tori Champaign

Revised 1/24/23

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

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DATE SUBMITTED: **12/6/23**

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Meeting of: Tribal Council
 Executive Committee

Meeting Date: **12/12/23**

Subject: The attached information and bids is for replacing the back stairs to the Ponca Hills Health & Wellness Center. **TNT Construction's** bid is **\$9,184.00**. **Jimenez's** bid is **\$14,905.00** and **M&B Quality Concrete** is **\$19,360.00**. It is Steve Holeyton's and my recommendation to move forward with **TNT Construction**. Not only are they the lowest bid, but they also have an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. This will be a **BEMAR** funded project. The Tribe was awarded \$17,600.00 for the replacement of these egress stairs.

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Motion to approve the bid from **TNT Construction** in the amount of **\$9,184.00** to replace the back egress stairs at the Norfolk clinic.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? **Yes** No
 (If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted by: **Candy Schott and Steve Holeyton**

Approval:

Rhungle

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
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DATE SUBMITTED: 12/04/2023

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Tribal Council Meeting Date: 12/12/2023_

Regular Session Executive Session _____

Subject: Updated SOW for BIA – JOM Program _____

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Motion to approve updated Scope of Work for Johnson O'Malley program per request from BIA.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? Yes No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: Pat Eichberger _____

APPROVED _____
Executive Management

Who will be present at the TC Mtg. in regards to this Agenda Item? Courtney Chavez _____

Revised 1/24/23

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
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DATE SUBMITTED: 12/5/2023

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Tribal Council Meeting Date: 12/12/2023

Regular Session Executive Session

Subject: ICWA Attorney Request

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Motion to approve Roz Koob of Heidman Law to represent the Ponca Tribe ICWA cases within state courts as needed.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? Yes No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: Stephanie Pospisil, Social Services Director

APPROVED _____
Executive Management

Who will be present at the TC Mtg. in regards to this Agenda Item? Stephanie Pospisil

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Meeting of: Tribal Council
 Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 12 / 12 / 23

Subject: Judge Blood to visit with Council for direction concerning Customary Adoptions of Non-Poncas

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

The Judge is requesting direction from Tribal Council regarding customary adoptions of non-Poncas

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? Yes No
 (If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: 

APPROVED 

Executive Management

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

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DATE SUBMITTED: November 15, 2023

All agenda item requests must be approved by the Tribal Business Manager and forwarded to the Niobrara Office, Attn: Jan Colwell **five (5) working days before the meeting.**

Meeting of: Tribal Council
 Executive Committee

Meeting Date: November 28, 2023Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities grant application Approval

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Motion to approve applying for the National Endowment for the Humanities grant for Media Projects.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? Yes No
 (If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: 
 Stephanie Geery-Zink Grants Director

APPROVED  11/15/23
 CEO of Tribal Affairs

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 23-_____

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Tribe has the authority to submit an application on behalf of the Native American individuals in the Tribe and to administer programs and activities under this program; and

WHEREAS: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) serves and strengthens our nation by supporting high-quality projects and programs in the humanities and by making the humanities available to all Americans; and

WHEREAS: The NEH Media Projects program supports the development, production and distribution of radio programs, podcasts and documentary films that engage general audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. Projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship and incorporate an approach that is thoughtful, balanced, and analytical. Proposals must demonstrate the potential to attract a broad general audience.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Stephanie Geery-Zink, Grants Director, is authorized to execute and file an application for federal assistance on behalf of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Stephanie Geery-Zink is hereby authorized to execute the file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the National Endowment for the Humanities requires before awarding a federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Stephanie Geery-Zink is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the National Endowment for the Humanities on behalf of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND AFFIRM that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly authorized and passed by the Ponca Tribal Council on the 28th day of November 2023, at a duly called meeting held via Lifesize Videoconference, by a vote of ____ Ayes; ____ Nays; ____ Abstained; ____ Absent. Chairperson ____ voting ____ not voting. A Quorum of ____ was present.

ATTEST

Candace Schmidt, Chairwoman
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Susan Baker, Secretary
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

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Tribal Council Meeting Date: 12/12/23

Regular Session XX Executive Session _____

Subject: Winter Count proposed budget ideas

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

Item request is to provide Tribal Council information on potential Winter Count printing & distribution costs and hopefully establish a budget proposal.

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? Yes No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: PJ Jennings



APPROVED _____
Executive Management

Who will be present at the TC Mtg. in regards to this Agenda Item? PJ Jennings, Jessica Hitchcock.

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Tribal Council Meeting Date: 12/12/23

Regular Session Executive Session

Subject: Emergency Closing Policy (Revised)

ACTION REQUEST: (Please describe request in the form of a motion)

- **Motion to approve the Emergency Closing Policy (Revised)**

Will there be support materials for this agenda item? Yes No
(If there are support materials, one copy must be attached)

Submitted By: Jonathan Robinson

APPROVED


Executive Management

Who will be present at the TC Mtg. in regards to this Agenda Item? Jonathan Robinson

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