

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COURT**

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LARRY ROMANELLI, Ogema of  
The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Plaintiff,

Case No. 24-010-GC

Honorable Caroline LaPorte

v.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL,  
Defendant.

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**ORDER FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT**

On January 11, 2024, the Court issued an order finding the Budget the Ogema signed on December 13, 2023 to be the FY2024 Budget as a matter of law. The Court provided Tribal Council with an opportunity to appear for a show cause hearing on January 12, 2024. Tribal Council instead passed Resolution # 24-0112-003.

On January 24, 2024 the Ogema filed a motion for a show cause alleging that Tribal Council had still failed to appropriate the funds in accordance with the Court’s Order on January 11, 2024. Consequently, on February 19, 2024, the Court held a show cause hearing. During the show cause hearing, the Court asked for supplemental briefing and stated on the record that Council would have time to cure its contemptuous actions.

On March 25, 2024 the Court issued another Order stating *in relevant part* the following (a copy of the full 9-page Order including attachments is attached to this Order as well):

“The determinations of the trial court are **ORDERS**. However, Council still has time to cure its contemptuous actions (prior to the end of Q1) or to provide a resolution indicating the funds were appropriated for Q1 in accordance with the FY2024 Budget and this Court’s **ORDERS**. Once again, when Council failed to override the veto (which is a Constitutional power that the Ogema has), as a matter of law the Ogema’s budget as submitted without the amendments of Tribal Council was the approved budget.

If Tribal Council has passed a resolution to fund Q1 in accordance with the FY2024 Budget, Tribal Council has until March 28, 2024 to provide it. Failure to do will result in a finding for CONTEMPT of COURT.”<sup>1</sup>

It is now April 1, 2024 and Tribal Council has failed to provide the Court with a resolution in accordance with the Order. No documents have been provided by Tribal Council to date. Therefore, the Court finds **EVERY MEMBER of Tribal Council** in Contempt of Court for failing to abide by the Court Order dated March 25, 2024, specifically:

Failing to provide the Court with a resolution funding Q1 in accordance with the FY2024 budget (the budget the Ogema signed on December 13, 2023 as stated in the Court’s January 11, 2024 Order and repeated clearly on the record at the show cause hearing on February 19, 2024.

Accordingly, the Court fines EACH MEMBER OF COUNCIL \$300.00 for failing to comply with the Court’s Order. The fine is due and payable to the Court on Friday April 5, 2024. An order garnishing the pay of each Tribal Council Member who fails remit payment on April 5, 2024 will issue on April 8, 2024.

Additionally, starting today, Monday April 1, 2024, for each CALENDAR DAY that Tribal Council **CONTINUES** to fail to provide the Court with the required documentation, the Court will fine **EACH MEMBER** OF COUNCIL \$100.00. This fine schedule will continue through Sunday April 7, 2024. On Monday, April 8, 2024 the fine will increase to \$200.00 PER CALENDAR DAY and continue through Sunday April 14, 2024. On Monday, April 15, 2024, the fine will increase to \$300.00 PER CALENDAR DAY and continue through Sunday April 21, 2024. If on April 22, 2024, the Court still does not have as a part of its record the Resolution funding Q1 in accordance with the FY2024 Budget, the Court will enter another order *sua sponte*.

As a reminder, civil contempt penalties can include fines or jail, and civil contempt actions, like this one, **will not end** until there is compliance with the Court’s Order.

TO BE CLEAR, the FINE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS THROUGH APRIL 21, 2024:

Monday April 1, 2024	\$100.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Tuesday April 2, 2024	\$100.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Wednesday April 3, 2024	\$100.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Thursday April 4, 2024	\$100.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Friday April 5, 2024	\$100.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY

<sup>1</sup> See Court Order Dated March 25, 2024 at page 6 (copy attached to this Order).

Saturday April 6, 2024	\$100.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Sunday April 7, 2024	\$100.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Monday April 8, 2024	\$200.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Tuesday April 9, 2024	\$200.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Wednesday April 10, 2024	\$200.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Thursday April 11, 2024	\$200.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Friday April 12, 2024	\$200.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Saturday April 13, 2024	\$200.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Sunday April 14, 2024	\$200.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Monday April 15, 2024	\$300.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Tuesday April 16, 2024	\$300.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Wednesday April 17, 2024	\$300.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Thursday April 18, 2024	\$300.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Friday April 19, 2024	\$300.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Saturday April 20, 2024	\$300.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY
Sunday April 21, 2024	\$300.00	EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ACCRUES INDIVIDUALLY

Again, the above fines will continue to accrue in accordance with the fine schedule outlined herein until Tribal Council complies with the Court Order. Upon compliance, or April 22, 2024 (whichever occurs first) the fines in accordance with the fine schedule will be due and payable to the Court. An order garnishing the pay of each Tribal Council Member who fails to pay will issue on April 23, 2024.

In summary, the Court has found each member of Tribal Council in Contempt of Court and has fined them an initial fine of \$300.00 each. This fine is due and payable to the Court on Friday April 5, 2024. Should Tribal Council continue to fail to comply with the Court's Order, the Court will assess the additional fines in accordance with the fine schedule outlined in this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of **APRIL, 2024.**

DocuSigned by:

*Caroline LaPorte*

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Caroline B. LaPorte, J.D.  
Associate Judge



CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Order for Contempt of Court was sent to all parties via email and USPS mail on this day.

4-1-24  
Date

Spring Medacco  
Court Clerk/Administrator

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**ORDER AFTER SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

On February 19, 2024, the Court held a show cause hearing in the above captioned matter. All parties appeared in compliance with the Court's previous orders. All parties were sworn in.

**a. Addressing Tribal Council's OBJECTION to the Order Striking their Motion to Vacate**

Prior to the hearing, on February 18, 2024, Tribal Council's attorney filed an objection to the Order Striking his Motion to Vacate, calling it a RCP 4.602(b)(3) Motion. This is improper. A 4.602(b)(3) motion is for a proposed order that parties submit for the Court's consideration. As such, the Court **STRIKES** the objection.

**b. The Show Cause Hearing and Arguments by Tribal Council and Ogema**

During the show cause hearing on February 19, 2024, the Court was presented with arguments from Tribal Council about their understanding of the budget as presented in August by the Ogema. Their attorney focused on the fact that the budget was not balanced according to Tribal Council's interpretation. The Court entertained the argument, as well as the sworn information provided by certain Tribal Council Members, as a matter of respect for their Office and as a matter of ensuring the General Membership is informed (also as a matter of respect for the body of individuals that this Tribe derives its sovereignty from). And the Court stated, very plainly, that regardless of their interpretation, they voted on the veto, failed to override the veto via the 6-3 vote that was required, and that their action as one body (the vote) put the budget in place. It

was at this point that Tribal Council’s *duty* to appropriate funds triggered. Tribal Council voted on December 13, 2023 to override the Ogema’s veto. That veto failed. The Court found that there was a budget as a matter of law at that point, which was the budget the Ogema submitted without amendments from Tribal Council.

If the Court were to accept Council’s attempt to invalidate their own vote, the Court would put itself in the improper position of attempting to adjudicate what Council might have done differently *if they had only done it differently* every time they voted.

The Court is uninterested in doing that.

Furthermore, the Court is not in the business of determining what money should be spent and where. The Court does not have that authority. Nor does the Court have the *duty* of making sure the dollars get to where they need to go. The Court also does not need to find a budget to be balanced or not balanced. However, *the Court is well within its authority to determine that a budget is in place as a matter of law* (the budget the Ogema originally submitted and subsequently signed on December 13, 2023), *and that it is Tribal Council’s constitutional duty to appropriate those funds*. That is what the Court has done, and it has exercised its *constitutional power to issue writs of mandamus* to do so.

**c. To be Clear Again: The Budget Signed on December 13, 2023 is the FY2024 Budget and Council has a Duty to Appropriate**

The Court has stated ad nauseum at this point that the FY2024 Budget is in place and that AS A MATTER OF LAW it is the Budget the Ogema signed into law on December 13, 2023.

According to the FY2024 Tribal Budget, a copy of which is attached to this Order, has the Tribe’s total operating expenditures at \$46,273,486.00. The FY2024 Tribal Budget has a Gaming Distribution of \$22,486,874.00. Tribal Council’s position is that what made the FY2024 Budget not balanced was the “supplemental” of \$4,211,515.00. So Council was unconcerned regardless about the difference in expenditures and the gaming revenue, which is what Tribal Council relies on as the basis of their argument. Additional revenue listed in the FY2024 Budget is as follows:

Gaming Tax Revenue	\$3,250,000.00
Rental Revenue	\$233,832.00
Program Revenue	\$5,642,043.00
Taxing Authority Revenue	\$590,189.00
Third Party Revenue	\$250,000.00
Dividends and Interest	\$1,500,000.00
Grant Funds	\$8,109,033.00
Other Revenue	\$4,211,515.00

All of this (the additional revenue plus the gaming distribution) equals \$46,273,486.00.

**1. The FY2024 Appropriations**

For purposes of informing Tribal Membership, the FY2024 Budget required an appropriation total of \$26,698,389.00. The **PROJECTED** gaming distribution was stated as \$22,486,874.00, leaving the need for an additional \$4,211,515.00. On January 12, 2024, Tribal Council passed resolution #24-0112-003, "Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY2024," in which Tribal Council appropriated \$2,810,859.25 for expenditures, shorting the FY2024 Budget by about \$1,052,879.00. Tribal Council has since passed an additional resolution, but the Court has not received it and it is not yet an official part of this record.

**2. The General Fund (Restricted vs. Unrestricted)**

During the show cause hearing, certain individual councilors (who elected to speak after not being called to testify, but who were also sworn in at the start of the show cause) could not confirm what was in the general fund and no one stated what the unrestricted general funds were in their response either. This might be explained via timing or other mitigating factors if individual council members were off by dollars, hundreds of dollars, or even tens of thousands of dollars. But tens of millions? Regardless, that is an issue for the general membership to address should that respected body choose to do so.

**3. The Misnomer of the Supplemental Request in the FY2024 Budget**

For the purposes of informing tribal membership, the following was included as the "supplemental" request in the original budget:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1. Maintenance- Capital Outlay	\$104,000.00
2. Next Generation Learning Center	\$237,000.00
3. IT Elevate/Arctic Contract/Capital Revenue	\$703,000.00
4. Utility Department- Capital Outlay Department	\$2,629,965.00
5. Executive Legal	\$225,011.00
6. 3% COLA Raises	\$310,875.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,211,515.00</b>

This "supplemental" funding was included in the FY2024 Budget as submitted by the Ogema, and though it is titled as "supplemental," it was included in the original budget. This means, importantly, that when Tribal Council voted on December 13, 2023, they were aware that "supplemental" funding was part of the Ogema's submission. The Court asked Council's representation when his client became concerned about the budget being "unbalanced" according to Tribal Council's interpretation of the 2013 Budget and Appropriations Act and the response was on or around the time that the Ogema presented it. This would have been in August.

#### **d. The Duty of Council to Appropriate**

What is truly critical here is that the vote that Council took in December of 2023 is a vote that is outlined within the Tribe's Constitution. Council took that vote and failed to override the Ogema's veto. Because of this, council MUST appropriate the funds in accordance with the FY2024 Budget that the Ogema signed on December 13, 2023, which the Court has already stated numerous times in previous Orders. The Court requested supplemental briefing for what was required appropriations-wise in order for Council to be in compliance with funding the FY2024 budget in accordance with their Constitutional duties. The Court has since reviewed both briefs supplied.

The Court, as stated in the hearing, is giving Council an opportunity to cure. Regardless of whether twenty (20) million or seventy-six (76) million dollars is in the general fund, there is adequate funding for the FY2024 budget. If modifications are necessary in Q2, Q3 or Q4, that is not before the Court nor are the initiation of budget modifications a power of the Court.

During the show cause hearing the Court permitted, without objection of the attorneys present, some testimony via statements of individual Councilmembers who wished to speak. During the show cause hearing, Shannon Crampton, Al Metzger, Julie Wolfe, and Gary DiPiazza provided statements regarding their positions on the FY2024 Budget as submitted by the Ogema without any amendments by Tribal Council. The Court takes each of their positions in kind.

##### ***1. Councilman Crampton's Objection to the FY2024 Budget- 3% COLA Raises for Employees or Employee***

Councilman Crampton's stated objection to the FY2024 Budget was the 3% COLA raises for Tribal employees as listed in the "supplemental". He specifically stated it was one tribal employee. He did not identify the employee. But upon review, the 3% COLA is in the amount of \$310,875.00. Either Mr. Crampton objects to one employee's raise and that is employee is making \$10,362,500.00, which would be a reasonable objection or Mr. Crampton is objecting to just one employee out of a pool of employees getting a COLA raise, which would raise other concerns that are not before this Court (as singling out AN employee to not receive a COLA raise might be problematic).

##### ***2. Councilman Metzger's Objection to the FY2024 Budget- A Shortfall Created by the Supplemental Request***

Councilman Metzger stated his issue was that there would be a shortage created by the "supplemental" in the Ogema's budget, but Councilman Metzger failed to acknowledge that the supposed shortfall was reflected on the revenue side of the budget (see OTHER REVENUE). Councilman Metzger reported that his understanding of what was in the Tribe's general budget was twenty (20) million, but this is much closer to the unrestricted portion and the Court will assume that is what Councilman Metzger was referring to.



**3. Councilwoman Wolfe's Objection to the FY2024 Budget- The Tribe would have to Acquire a Loan to Cover the Alleged Shortfall**

Councilwoman Wolfe stated that her issue was that the Tribe would have to borrow the money for the supplemental via a loan (but this is a red herring). Even if a loan would be necessary, it could be reflected on the revenue side of the budget. Regardless, there is money in the unrestricted general fund and again, the funds are reflected under "other revenue". And whether or not the Tribe chooses to take out a loan to finance some sort of project or work is, at least with this set of facts, not the Court's concern. At any rate, a budget is a projection...which is why it is subject to modification processes in accordance with the Act.

**4. Councilman DiPiazza Stated that the Ogema's FY2024 Budget is the Budget**

The Court agrees. No further analysis is necessary since the Court has issued repeated orders stating that the FY2024 Budget is in place as a matter of law.

**e. Conclusion**

Per the affidavit submitted by William Willis on February 21, 2024, the unrestricted general fund cash balance as of January 31, 2024 is \$25,789,842. Tribal Council stated through their representation that the budget was not balanced, despite the unrestricted funds, because the budget relied on funding that was not from net gaming revenues. **But half of the dollars required to fund the FY2024 budget do not come from net gaming revenues.** Those dollars come from Gaming Tax Revenue, Rental Revenue, Program Revenue, Taxing Authority Revenue, Third Party Revenue, Dividends and Interests, Grant Funds and Grant Revenue. The only thing left then is where the money for the "supplemental" expenditures come from. And where it comes from is the unrestricted dollars in the general fund. **A budget is just a projection.** What is not lost on the Court is that the budget for FY2024 relies on *PREDICTED* gaming revenues (amongst other revenue that might be more knowable---such as grants), and not on actuals.

Nevertheless, the Court wanted to ensure that enough funds existed to cover the approved FY2024 Budget that was signed on December 13, 2023. The reason for that is clear: holding Tribal Council in contempt of court for not appropriating funds that the Tribe simply does not have would be highly problematic. The Court stated as such during the show cause. The Court does not determine, nor does it have the power to determine, how the Tribe should spend its money. The Court is concerned with applying the laws to the facts and in the enforcement of its orders consistent with its jurisdiction.

The Court found that once Council failed to override the Ogema's veto in accordance with both the Constitution and the 2013 Budget and Appropriations Act that a budget was in place as a matter of law. **The budget signed by the Ogema on December 13, 2023 is the FY2024 Budget.**

Again, on January 11, 2024 the Court received an ex parte request for a writ of mandamus at 4:29 pm. The Court issued its order regarding same on January 11, 2024 at 7:24 pm. The urgency

of the response was required, again, because funds were being expended. A show cause was preemptively set for Council for January 12, 2024 in the event that Council felt they did not have a Constitutional duty to appropriate funds in accordance with the laws of the Tribe. They appropriated funds rather than appearing at that show cause.

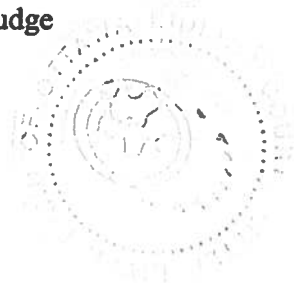
So, again, all that is at issue is this: has Tribal Council appropriated funding in accordance with their Constitutional duties via Resolution #24-0112-003? Based on the information supplied by the supplemental briefs as well as the information that the Court has on the record, the answer to that question is no. The Court has not received a resolution regarding the Q1 Budget post the show cause hearing and is just now in receipt of a supplemental brief alleging a failure to appropriate in accordance with the budget for Q2.

The determinations of the trial court are **ORDERS**. However, Council still has time to cure its contemptuous actions (prior to the end of Q1) or to provide a resolution indicating the funds were appropriated for Q1 in accordance with the FY2024 Budget and this Court's **ORDERS**. Once again, when Council failed to override the veto (which is a Constitutional power that the Ogema has), as a matter of law the Ogema's budget as submitted without the amendments of Tribal Council was the approved budget.

If Tribal Council has passed a resolution to fund Q1 in accordance with the FY2024 Budget, Tribal Council has until March 28, 2024 to provide it. Failure to do will result in a finding for CONTEMPT of COURT.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2024.

DocuSigned by:  
*Caroline LaPorte*  
Caroline B. LaPorte, J.D.  
Associate Judge



CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this order was sent to the attorneys for the parties via email and USPS mail on this day.

3.25.24  
Date

Spring Medacco  
Court Clerk/Administrator

2024 Budget - Executive Summary  
Tribal Council submission 10/13/23

EXHIBIT A

Fund #	Department	2024 Gaming	FY 2024	2024	Manuel	Program	Training	Third Party	DAVIDSONS	Other	Grant
115	Program Management	\$	\$ 679,980								
1010-102	Tribal Opera	\$ 865,992	\$ 985,992						\$ 604		
1010-106	Bandstand	\$ 258,130	\$ 233,130								
1010-149	Enrollment	\$ 140,975	\$ 130,975								
1010-162	Tribal Historic Preservation	\$ 269,999	\$ 269,999								
	Executive Legal	\$ 41,138	\$ 516,149						\$ 225,011		
		\$ 1,930,884	\$ 3,060,697	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 679,000	\$ 450,818	\$ -
12	Prosecutor	\$ 255,603	\$ 245,603								
1015-150	Tribal Court	\$ 71,668	\$ -			\$ 8,578					
	Subtotal - Judicial Branch	\$ 973,351	\$ 981,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1020-109	Legislative Legal	\$ 190,361	\$ 1,399,361								
1020-109	Communications	\$ 439,284	\$ 439,294								
1020-113	Office of Business & Accounting	\$ 179,611	\$ 178,611								
1020-113	Communications/Committee	\$ 135,244	\$ 135,544								
1020-104	Elders	\$ 118,275	\$ 118,275								
	Subtotal - Legislative Branch	\$ 129,575	\$ 2,191,760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1030-108	Internal Enforcement	\$	\$ 341,268								\$ 341,245
4017	Great Lakes Enforcement	\$	\$ 401,933								\$ 291,933
4026	Public Safety	\$ 268,738	\$ 148								\$ 890,099
	Subtotal - Tribal Enforcement	\$ 268,738	\$ 449,249	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,233,277
1040-151	Sturgeon Rehabilitation	\$	\$ 29,808								\$ 508
4031	Natural Resources	\$	\$ 798,864								\$ 798,854
4018	Great Lakes Fishery Management	\$	\$ 407,000								\$ 407,000
	Sub - Environmental & Natural Resources	\$	\$ 1,320,972	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,205,852
1090-124	Housing	\$	\$ 473,271								\$ 269,271
1030-114	Elder Complex	\$ 10,000	\$ 39,832								\$ 29,832
	Subtotal - Housing	\$ 10,000	\$ 513,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269,271
1030-120	Fire Station	\$	\$ 1,239,897	\$ 4,239,895							\$ -
1030-121	Gaming Commission/Compliance	\$	\$ 1,135,249	\$ 1,040,249							\$ -
	Subtotal - Gaming	\$ -	\$ 2,874,945	\$ 2,779,945	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2000-400	Human Resources	\$ 618,665	\$ 759,406								\$ 618,665
2000-401	Human Resources	\$ 396,778	\$ 396,778								\$ 396,778
2000-402	Information Technology	\$ 728,779	\$ 1,438,508								\$ 728,779
2000-403	Information Technology	\$ 764,611	\$ 1,741,210								\$ 764,611
2000-405	Guests	\$	\$ 86,373								\$ 86,373
2000-457	Mustkegon Office	\$	\$ 33,000								\$ 33,000
2000-459	Government Buildings	\$	\$ 799,000								\$ 799,000
	Subtotal - Indirect Cost Pool	\$ 2,055,955	\$ 5,224,937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,055,955
	Total - Tribal Government	\$ 7,420,670	\$ 17,911,163	\$ 2,779,945	\$ 293,832	\$ 103,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,478,270	\$ 1,258,525	\$ 4,636,421
		\$ 33,000%	\$ 7,420,670	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**2024 Budget - Executive Summary**  
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Fund #	Department	2024 Gaming Distribution	FY 2024 Budget Act	2024 Gaming Tax	Rental	Program	Taxing Authority	Third Party	Dividends & Interest	Other	Grant Funds
1089-137	Members Assistance	\$ 1,238,651	\$ 1,896,688	\$ 758,039			\$ 359,711		\$ 21,730		\$ 100,000
4026	Education	\$ 660,080	\$ 930,546	\$ 170,466							\$ 269,136
4025	Family Services	\$ 159,982	\$ 418,818								\$ 247,000
2000-465	Muskogean Clinic Buildings	\$ -	\$ 247,000								\$ -
1089-124	Deans Payment/Closing Cost Assistance	\$ -	\$ 100,000								\$ -
1080-159	Members Legal Assistance	\$ 196,074	\$ 196,074				\$ 180,898				\$ -
8013-173	Meat Generation Learning Center	\$ -	\$ 404,028								\$ -
	Subtotal - Citizen Support Services	\$ 2,248,687	\$ 4,190,747	\$ 470,055	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 439,711	\$ -	\$ 21,730	\$ 237,952	\$ 586,476
4105	Ind POC	\$ -	\$ 1,936,157								\$ 772,612
4104	Clinic Operations	\$ -	\$ 3,398,651			\$ 2,510,408		\$ 250,000			\$ 1,936,757
1010-176	Pharmacy - Muskogean	\$ -	\$ 686,394			\$ 686,394					\$ 638,243
1010-172	Pharmacy - Mantsee	\$ -	\$ 1,320,594			\$ 1,320,594					\$ -
4105	Independent Health	\$ -	\$ 497,177			\$ 372,717					\$ 128,000
	COLA - General Welfare 3%	\$ -	\$ 70,007							\$ 70,007	\$ -
	Subtotal - Health Services	\$ -	\$ 7,830,170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,810,163	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 70,007	\$ 2,700,000
	Total - General Welfare	\$ 2,248,687	\$ 12,020,917	\$ 470,055	\$ -	\$ 4,810,163	\$ 439,711	\$ 250,000	\$ 21,730	\$ 307,959	\$ 3,472,612
	10.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,248,687	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1040	Tax Department	\$ -	\$ 150,478				\$ 150,478				\$ -
	Subtotal - Tax Department	\$ -	\$ 150,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1070-164	Commerce Department	\$ 457,853	\$ 457,853								\$ -
3970-147	Planning	\$ 105,761	\$ 105,761								\$ -
7500-701	Utilities - Water	\$ 14,627	\$ 788,531			\$ 329,904					\$ 444,000
7580-702	Utilities - Wastewater	\$ 694,554	\$ 2,798,289			\$ 398,476					\$ 3,787,498
7500-703	Utilities - Lagoon Project	\$ 368,999	\$ 767,505								\$ 398,506
	Subtotal - Economic Development	\$ 1,551,994	\$ 4,909,939								\$ 2,629,965
	3 % COLA Increase	\$ -	\$ 15,066								\$ 15,066
	Total - Economic Development	\$ 1,551,994	\$ 4,925,005	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 728,380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,645,031	\$ -
	6.90%	\$ -	\$ 1,551,594	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8688	Charity & Bonanzas	\$ 21,485	\$ 22,486								\$ -
8500	Per Cap	\$ 11,243,437	\$ 11,243,437								\$ -
	Total - Tribal Business Activities	\$ 11,265,923	\$ 11,265,923	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50.10%	\$ 11,265,923	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total - Operating Budget	\$ 22,486,674	\$ 46,272,406	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 233,832	\$ 5,642,043	\$ 590,189	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 4,211,515	\$ 8,109,033
	2024 Projected Distribution	\$ 22,486,674	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Initial Projected Distribution was \$21,972,467	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**2024 Budget - Executive Summary**  
**Tribal Council submission 10/13/23**

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Major Federal Funds</u>		<u>Misc. Federal Funds</u>		<u>Misc. Grant Revenue</u>	
Pharmacy	\$ 5,719,895	I.H.S. Self-Gov.	\$ 2,700,000	I.H.S. 105L	\$ 609,000	Housing - HUD	\$ 269,271
Utilities	\$ 728,380	B.I.A. Self-Gov.	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 609,000	Indirect Cost	\$ 1,200,000
Program Revenue	\$ 103,500	B.I.A. Rights Protection	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 5,700,000	NGLC	\$ 166,476
	\$ 6,551,775						\$ 1,635,747

Other - Supplemental Items - unmet needs

Maintenance - Capital Outlay - 2 Work/Plow trucks	\$ 104,000
NGLC	\$ 237,952
IT - Elevate/Arctic Contracts/Capital Reserve	\$ 703,712
Utility Department - Capital Outlay Items	\$ 2,629,965
Executive Legal	\$ 225,011
3% COLA	\$ 310,875
<b>Total Supplemental Items - unmet needs</b>	<b>\$ 4,211,535</b>

Allocation of Gross Gaming Tax Revenue

Surveillance	\$ 1,739,696
Gaming Commission	\$ 1,040,249
Members Assistance	\$ 299,589
Education	\$ 170,466
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,250,000</b>

Allocation of Pharmacy Revenue

Muskogean Pharmacy	\$ 606,384
Manistee Pharmacy	\$ 1,320,594
Behavioral Health	\$ 372,777
Clinic Operations	\$ 2,510,408
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,810,163</b>

Allocation of Tax Revenue

Tax Office	\$ 150,478
Members Assistance	\$ 339,711
Down Payment Assistance	\$ 100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 590,189</b>

Dividends & Interest

Prop Mgmt	\$ 679,000
Maintenance	\$ 69,000
Gov. Buildings	\$ 338,000
Info Tech	\$ 202,312
Grants	\$ 86,373
Human Res.	\$ 46,335
Members Asst	\$ 23,353
Finance	\$ 55,627
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>

Total Pharmacy Revenue	\$ 5,719,895
Surplus Pharmacy Revenue	\$ 4,810,163
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 909,732</b>