

OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 25th, 2020 10AM
Sallisaw Groundbreaking
2343 S. Kerr Boulevard
Sallisaw, Oklahoma 74955

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission held a special meeting on **Friday, September 25th, 2020**, at 10:00 AM. This meeting was held at 2343 S. Kerr Boulevard, Sallisaw Oklahoma. A Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's Office on September 19th, 2020.

AGENDA:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:08am

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

a. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

The clerk called the roll and the roll is as follows:

Commissioner Ball Present

Vice Chairman Costilow Present

Commissioner Jackson Present

Commissioner Kokendoffer Present

Commissioner Lasser Present

Commissioner LeDay-Mauney Present

Secretary Secor Present

Commissioner Smithson Absent

Mr. Chairman Present

The clerk notified the Chairman that 8 Commissioners were present. One Commissioner was absent.

b. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chairman declared a quorum

III. INVOCATION

Mr. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Cherokee Nation delivered the Invocation.

IV. POSTING OF THE COLORS

The American Legion, Carnie Welch Post 27 performed the posting of the colors.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jerry Ball led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mrs. Holly Bormann performed the National Anthem.

The American Legion, Carnie Welch Post 27 retired the colors.

VII. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

a. JOEL KINTSEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

b. SARAH LANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The Executive Director and Deputy Director welcomed visitors and guests to the groundbreaking ceremony of the Sallisaw Veterans Center. They introduced and recognized the distinguished guests.

c. **BEN T. ROBINSON, BRIG GEN (RET) OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

The Secretary provided brief comments to the gallery related to the Sallisaw Veterans Center.

VIII. CHEROKEE NATION

a. **CHUCK HOSKIN JR, CHIEF, CHEROKEE NATION**

b. **BRYAN WARNER, DEPUTY CHIEF, CHEROKEE NATION**

The Deputy Chief provided brief comments to the gallery related to the Sallisaw Veterans Center.

c. **CHEROKEE NATION AWARD PRESENTATION**

IX. CITY OF SALLISAW

a. **ERNIE MARTENS, MAYOR, CITY OF SALLISAW**

The Mayor provided brief comments to the gallery related to the Sallisaw Veterans Center.

b. **KEITH SKELTON, CITY MANAGER, CITY OF SALLISAW**

The City Manager provided brief comments to the gallery related to the Sallisaw Veterans Center.

c. **RAYMOND MERRILL FAMILY**

The representative from the Raymond Merrill family provided brief comments to the gallery related to the Sallisaw Veterans Center.

X. OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING

Deputy Director Sarah Lane called forward the designated representatives for the official groundbreaking of the Sallisaw Veterans Center.

The designated representatives broke ground.

XI. RETIRING OF THE COLORS

This was performed out of order.

XII. CLOSING REMARKS

Deputy Director Sarah Lane thanked everyone in attendance for celebrating the groundbreaking of the Sallisaw Veterans Center, and called for the adjournment of the special meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kokendoffer made the motion to adjourn
Commissioner Secor gave the second

Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm