CB - 75 - 24

TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF THREE RIVERS MEAT PROCESSING FACILITY NEAR OCTAVIA, OKLAHOMA

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE Additional Funding of Three Rivers Meat Processing Facility near Octavia, Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Tribal Council of the Nation (the "Council") shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the need for food security within the Nation's reservation;

WHEREAS, under CB-70-21, CB-36-23, and CB-21-24, the Council approved funding of an entity (the "Entity") that built and operates a new meat processing facility (the "New Facility") near Octavia, Oklahoma, which New Facility will be partially used to process the Nation's livestock assets and increase the level of food security within the Nation's reservation;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to provide up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in additional funding (the "Additional Funding") to the Entity to fund startup and operating costs;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation that the Additional Funding shall be in the form of debt issued to the Entity on such terms and conditions as determined by the Chief of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to fund the Additional Funding from unrestricted funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval of the Additional Funding to the Entity.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval that the Additional Funding shall be issued in the form of debt to the Entity on such terms and conditions as determined by the Chief of the Nation.

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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval that the Additional Funding shall be funded from unrestricted funds.

<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that <a (10")"="" href="TEN">TEN (10") members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at a Special Session of the Tribal Council held virtually and at the Nation's Community Center in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, on June 13, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 75 — -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of <a (1")"="" href="NINE">NINE members, <a (1")"="" href="ONE">ONE negative votes, and 2 ERO (0") abstaining.
Thomas Williston, Speaker Choctaw Nation Tribal Council
Ronald Perry, Secretary Choctaw Nation Tribal Council Gary Batton, Chief Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: 4-13-24

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Purpose of Council Bill: In CB-70-21, CB-36-23 and CB-21-24, the Tribal Council approved funding of an entity (the "Entity") that built and operates a new meat processing facility (the "New Facility") near Octavia, Oklahoma, which New Facility can be used to process the Nation's livestock assets and increase the level of food security within the Nation's reservation. This Council Bill approves additional funding in and to the Entity for startup and operational costs of the New Facility. The additional funding will consist of debt on such terms and conditions as agreed to by the Chief of the Nation. This Council Bill supports the Nation's Tribal Strategy: Strengthen Financial Growth and Economic Sustainability.

Title of Council Bill: To Approve Additional Funding of Three Rivers Meat Processing Facility near Octavia, Oklahoma.

Agency: Division of Commerce

Budget: Up to \$500,000

Requestor: Heidi Grant, Senior Executive Officer, Division of Commerce

Suggested Legislative Committee Review: Commerce and Finance