Okla. governor stands alone in tribal gaming compact negotiations

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is growing increasingly isolated as he continues to demand a larger share of gaming revenues from tribes.

State lawmakers from both parties had already voiced doubts about Stitt's Class III gaming compact negotiation tactics. Then last week the state's lead legal official—Attorney General Mike Hunter—announced that he will no longer take part in the disputed talks, leaving the governor standing alone in his controversial quest.

The development led Stitt to cede a tiny bit of ground to the tribal nations who already contribute millions of dollars to the state. During a news conference last week, he said he wanted to sign an "extension" of the compacts while discussions continue.

At the same time, he refused to concede on the major sticking point in the dustup. He continues to insist that the agreements expire on January 1, 2020, thus

threatening tribes unless they agree to his point of view.

"If we do not take action, all Class III (Las Vegas-style) gaming activity will be illegal on January 1, 2020," Stitt said.

"This creates tremendous uncertainty of Oklahoma tribes, for those conducting business with the casinos, for casino patrons. I cannot put Oklahomans in this position."

Immediately following Stitt's appearance, the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association held its own press conference in front of the iconic Allan Houser sculpture at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. Tribes do not accept the January 1 deadline because they believe the compacts automatically renew if a new agreement can't be reached.

"We don't need an extension to operate after January 1," said OIGA Chairman Matthew Morgan, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, the tribe with the largest gaming enterprise in the state.

Tribal leaders also said

the idea of a temporary extension to their Class III gaming compacts was new to them. They remain open to discussions with Stitt, who took office last January, but remain adamant that he accept their interpretation on the automatic renewal.

"Tribal leaders remain open to negotiations about exclusivity fee rates," Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton said in a press release distributed by United for Oklahoma, a group formed by tribes to show their united front on the matter.

"We have not received a formal proposal from the State. We have always been open to a fair and reasonable discussion on rates and still are today as long as Governor Stitt is willing to honor the plain language of our existing agreement, which includes automatic renewal."

Since 2004, when voters approved Class III gaming, tribes have paid \$1.28 billion to the state, according to the Oklahoma Gaming Compliance Unit's most recent re-

In the Tribal Court of the **Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs**

CELESTE WHITE, Petitioner, vs TRISTON SMITH, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO146-19. TO: CELESTE WHITE, TRISTON SMITH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FILIA-TION HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice

you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 20th of JANUARY, 2020 @ 11:00

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DASHINA LAWRENCE, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV41-19. TO: DASHINA LAWRENCE, CPS & JV PROSECUTION:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUS-TODY REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 22nd day of January, 2020 @ 11:00 AM



New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 12:00pm-8:00pm

Oregon Convention Center 🔮 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Portland, OR 97232

The Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest presents the 34th Annual Sobriety Powwow!

The NARA New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow is one of the largest sobriety new year powwows in the country, and is certainly the largest New Year's pary in Portland, where thousands close out the year with drums, songs and dance (all alcohol-free).

Upcoming Dates &

Dec. 31

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