

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

DATE

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2019)

WHEREAS, the Charter and Governing Document authorizes and empowers the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council to manage and control all real or personal property owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Charter and Governing Document, sect. 16 (Sept. 5, 1995).

WHEREAS, “[n]o money shall be paid out except upon warrant of the Principal Chief as authorized by an act of the Council.” Charter and Governing Document, sect. 20.

WHEREAS, “the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has consistently supported Cherokee Students in our local and regional school systems.” Resolution No. 292 (2018).

WHEREAS, currently there are four hundred thirty-six (436) enrolled EBCI members attending school in Swain County the break down is as follows:

Elementary (East and West):	216
Middle:	93
High School:	127

WHEREAS, enrolled EBCI member student participation in Swain County Athletics range anywhere from four percent, 2018 soccer, to sixty-seven percent (67%) 2017 girl’s varsity basketball; and

WHEREAS, Swain County High School built the current fieldhouse in 1978; and

WHEREAS, the fieldhouse houses the weight room upstairs and the football locker room downstairs; and

WHEREAS, last year the trusses busted and had to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the school has out grown this forty year old building because one weightlifting class has fifty students which is more than room can hold comfortably; and

WHEREAS, Swain County High School is trying to keep cost as low as possible and doing the work in-house; and

WHEREAS, Swain County, the booster club, parents and others worked tirelessly to raise Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) for the building; and

WHEREAS, Total Strength and Speed estimated the equipment for the weight room would be One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred and twenty-two cents (\$102,600.22), EXHIBIT A; and

WHEREAS, contributing to funds for the Swain County High School weight room would be in the best interest of the enrolled EBCI students attending school in Swain County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, the Tribal Council authorizes a contribution to Swain County High School in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to purchase equipment for their new field house.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI Tribal Council authorizes the Secretary of Treasury to use the General Fund One Time Donation Line Item for this contribution.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Treasury and Principal Chief carry out the intent of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this resolution shall become effective upon the ratification.

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