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MEMORANDUM

To: Sara Hill, Cherokee Nation Attorney General
From: Shannon Buhl, Cherokee Nation Marshal
CC:
Subject: Cherokee Nation Marshal Service – McGirt Decision
Date: September 17, 2020

The personnel and financial effects of the McGirt v. Oklahoma decision are estimated at \$2,361,006 for the first year. This estimation includes 12 officers (4 investigators and 8 patrol) and 1 additional administrative staff for records and data management. The current staffing for the Marshal Service is 31 officers and 3 administrative staff. The impact to the budget includes salary, fringe, equipment, training and indirect cost.

An estimated three projection is \$4,704,268 (includes first year) to maintain salary, fringe, training, equipment, and indirect costs.

In addition to staffing, the detention contracts with the counties within the reservation is an estimated increase of \$400,000. The current budget is \$49,999.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs estimation of the police force for the Cherokee Nation post McGirt decision is approximately 800 officers and an additional 10 administrative staff. Using this estimation the cost for staffing is \$200,000,000 which includes salary, fringe, equipment, training and indirect cost with an increase to the detention contracts with the counties within the reservation of \$2,500,000.

The process of hiring and certifying a Cherokee Nation Deputy Marshal takes approximately 12 to 15 months. This includes the human resources process of hiring, academy training, and field training.