

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AGENDA

MARCH 26, 2017  
9:00 AM  
TRIBAL OFFICE  
1701 E STREET  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Invocation
  - b. Roll Call
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. LAW & ORDER CODE REVISION (Ruthanne Gallup, TCA & Robin Arreguin, CPS)
  - a. Title IV – DISCUSSION/REVIEW
- IV. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT PROGRAM REPORTS
  - a. Tribal Court (Ruthanne Gallup, Tribal Court Administrator)
  - b. Law & Order Committee (Ruthanne Gallup)
  - c. Law & Justice Committee (Ruthanne Gallup)
  - d. Election Board
    - i. Report
    - ii. Election Board Budget Revised – MOTION
  - e. Enrollment Department (Kitrina Key, Enrollment Specialist)
  - f. Enrollment Committee (Kitrina Key)
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. ADJOURN

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**LAW AND ORDER CODE REVISION**  
**Discussion on March 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**During Tribal Council Meeting**  
**\*\*\*\* NOTICE: All Tribal Members \*\*\*\***

**The Tribal Council will be discussing amending the Law and Order Code. Please take your time to read this FLYER**

The Ponca Tribal Council will be proposing amending the Law and Order Code. The revisions are being considered to ensure the safety and confidentiality of Petitioners who file in the Ponca Tribal Court. By amending these Rules, the Ponca Tribal Child Support Program may utilize the Ponca Tribal Court.

**CHANGES TO CHILD SUPPORT PORTION OF CODE BEING CONSIDERED INCLUDE**

- **Section 4-1-8. Added the Omission of Address from Pleadings.** This allows Petitioners to omit addresses from documents in cases where there is a risk of personal safety.
- **Section 4-7-4. Added number 5.** This adds a civil fine not to exceed \$800.00 for any person who willfully discloses protected confidential information protected under the child support section.
- **Section 4-7-5 Added Confidentiality of Hearings.** Excludes general public from all hearings under this Chapter. Allows the parties and their legal counsel, witnesses, and other persons determined to be appropriate by the Court, in its discretion to attend hearings.
- **Section 4-7-21. Added wording to number 8.** This states that notice shall be on a form required by applicable law.
- **Section 4-7-21 Added wording to number 14.** Clarified a mistake of fact.
- **Section 4-7-25 Added wording on Overpayments.** Included information about improper income withholding orders.
- **Section 4-8-6 Genetic Testing.** Stated that the Child Support Program may not use their funds to conduct genetic testing for another department or agency of the Tribe.
- **Section 4-8-6 number 3 c. Genetic Testing.** Excludes Genetic Testing when it is not in best interest of child.
- **Section 4-9-10 Added number 6 Confidentiality of Court Records.** Includes a civil fine not to exceed \$800 for a person who willfully discloses confidential information protected under this Section.
- **Section 4-9-11 Confidentiality of Hearings.** Excludes general public from all hearings under this Chapter. Allows the parties and their legal counsel, witnesses, and other persons determined to be appropriate by the Court, in its discretion to attend hearings.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available at the tribal offices, or one may be obtained by contacting Jan Colwell, Tribal Council Secretary at 402-857-3391.

**There will be a discussion by Tribal Council that is open for public comment on March 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.**

**Written comments will be accepted until March 23, 2017.** The written comments may be emailed to [janc@poncatribene.org](mailto:janc@poncatribene.org) or mailed to: Jan Colwell, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760