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Kiowa Tribal Chairman's Annual Budget Up for Vote

CARNEGIE, Okla. – Kiowa Tribal Chairman Matthew Komalty asks for your support to approve the Annual Budget 2021/2022 that was submitted to the Legislative Branch on January 27, 2021.

The year 2020 was a difficult time for the Kiowa people, but under Komalty's leadership he was able to accomplish many services and necessities for the tribe and its members. Under his care, Komalty and the Executive Branch opened two COOP centers or Continuity of Operations centers in Lawton and Anadarko. These facilities serve as emergency operating centers amid the pandemic and beyond. An 80 x 20 dry food storage was built which will house emergency food supply, and now a new COVID-19/Senior Activity Center is being built to care for tribal elders and will be open by the end of this year.

Amid the pandemic, the Tribe never reduced services. Programs and employees followed strict CDC guidelines, essential employees stayed on board to carry out the daily tasks and services and kept the operations successful.

Komalty recognizes the Tribe is not out of the woods of this pandemic and has created the budget to reflect the need of the Tribe and its members. "We have experienced a tough year in 2020, yet were able to continue programs and services along with CDC safety guidelines," Komalty said. "No one knew how to handle the pandemic, but now that we have gone through it we know what our needs are moving forward and the new budget mirrors it."

With the increased need for services, we have been able to identify more areas of need and consequently it increases the budget appropriations. "I urge all tribal members to get out and Vote yes so that services and programs will not be affected," Komalty said.

The Kiowa Tribe Annual Budget for 2021-2022 will go up for a vote on Saturday, May 15, 2021.

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