



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, July 15, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. the motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Warner gave the State of the Nation and wished Chief Hoskin safe travels. Deputy Chief Warner gave highlights from our recently hosted Inter-Tribal Conference including the Wild Life Management Agreement between the five tribes. He touched on the new housing additions along with the upcoming housing study to be performed. A report was given pertaining to the Freedman Task Force Assessment and the Wilma P. Mankiller Park. Deputy Chief Warner reported on the Tulsa University Cherokee Women's Accelerate Her Program. He provided an update on the Hunger Free Oklahoma Summer Program where we stepped up to provided meals to both native and non-native kids.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden presented Michael Smith, Clarence DeGraw and Larry Richardson with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

Speaker recognized the 2024 Youth Council in attendance.

Councilor Mike Dobbins left the meeting.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett thanked the Youth Council for visiting CNB last week. He announced the June financials are available for reporting at this time, however, generally speaking the gaming and federal contracting are very strong. He provided an update on gaming in Arkansas. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Speaker Shambaugh commended Mr. Garrett and the CNB team on the long hard fight for our gaming license in Polk County, Arkansas.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [24-055](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 "COUNCIL", CHAPTER 4, SECTION 38**

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell, Joe Deere, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Lisa Hall, Codey Poindexter, Victoria Vazquez, Melvina Shotpouch and Danny Callison

Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-21-24

2. [24-056](#)

THE CHEROKEE NATION LIVESTOCK PROTECTION ACT OF 2024

Sponsors: Danny Callison, Joe Deere and Candessa Tehee

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-22-24

3. [24-058](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 45-21 RELATING TO
CODIFYING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SEQUOYAH
SCHOOLS**

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee and Danny Callison

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-23-24

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [24-059](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO OKAY FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Sponsors: Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-037B-24

5. [24-060](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO TOWN OF OKAY**

Sponsors: Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-038-24

6. [24-061](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO TAHLEQUAH
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Sponsors: Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Lisa Hall and Candessa Tehee

Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-039-24

7. [24-062](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-23 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
- MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-24-24

8. [24-063](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2024 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-25-24

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Patzkowski moved to amend the agenda to include items 9 through 19 passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. [24-064](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 "COUNCIL", CHAPTER 1, SECTION
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Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell, Candessa Tehee, Lisa Hall, Codey Poindexter, Mike Shambaugh, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Danny Callison and Joe Deere

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-26-24

10. [24-074](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 40 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE
ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh and Danny Callison

Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-27-24

11. [24-065](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION

**WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO FOUR MILE
BRANCH CHURCH**

Sponsors: Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-040-24

12. [24-066](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO KEYS FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Sponsors: Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Candessa Tehee

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-041-24

13. [24-067](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BRIGGS
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-042-24

14. [24-068](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO GORE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Coates moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-043-24

15. [24-069](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO STILWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL -
ELEMENTARY**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam and Codey Poindexter

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-044-24

16. [24-070](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO THE KIOWA TRIBE****Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-045-24

17. [24-071](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN'S LAKE
BAPTIST CHURCH****Sponsors:** Johnny Kidwell

Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-046-24

18. [24-072](#)**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-23 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
- MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY****Sponsors:** Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-28-24

19. [24-073](#)**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2024 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY****Sponsors:** Joshua Sam

Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-29-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates announced the At Large meetings this weekend will be in Colorado and New Mexico.

Councilor Easley gave appreciation and took a moment to brag on a list of departments who assisted in the tornado cleanup. He commented things are in the works to make these situations even better.

Councilor Poindexter announced the Bell powwow is the second weekend of August and invited everyone to attend.

Multiple Councilor requested remembrance and prayers for the families of loved ones who have passed over the past month.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:53 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on August 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.