



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Keith Austin, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, January 26, 2023

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Wes Nofire

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

*Chair Austin read into the record a policy announcement pertaining to discussion items.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Ms. Taylor offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett gave a financial update and the current employment numbers. He announced he would provided a status update on the meat processing plant at the meeting next month. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported on the 102-477 program and her meeting with TANF. She announced they are working to have all of the Career Service programs at all locations on a central database. They are working on several new grants. They are expanding the Wagoner office location to be a one stop shop with Human Services. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight announced the VITA program schedule in the packet has been adjusted. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*No objections were made toward the consent items provided.*

*Mr. Jody Reece announced a new addition to the roads report provided. The new allocation of Law Enforcement funds is on the spreadsheet provided and explained why this years allocation is less than usual. Councilor Smith requested clarification on the unused travel funds rolling over to Community Assistance.*

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-003](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the**

**motion. The motion carried.**

2. [23-004](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. Councilor Kidwell requested clarification on the new positions and vacant positions. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the time frame of the vacant positions. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Kidwell opposed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Dobbins moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:28 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Braden Roach</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>Julie Skinner</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Camerin Fite James</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*      *Teddy Snell*