



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, November 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 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 Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin announced November as Native American Heritage Month. He highlighted the confirmation of Sara Hill as a federal judge. Chief Hoskin reported on the ground breaking of the new Head Start facility here in Tahlequah. The Elders Summit was a success. The Treasurer of the United States visited the Cherokee Nation. The Oklahoma Legislature is considering "Casey's Alert" a missing adult alert system. Chief Hoskin reported on the partnership between the Veterans Administration and the Vinita Clinic in an effort to preserve veterans care in the Vinita area. A Proclamation was signed this morning for Diabetes Awareness Month. He will travel to Oklahoma City tomorrow to have discussion on our compacts. He spoke about some of the issues of discussion at the National Congress of National Indians next week. At Large meetings this weekend will be in Tuscan and Phoenix Arizona. Today is the birthday of S. Joe Crittenden, our Secretary of Veteran Affairs.*

Councilor Dobbins left the meeting.

#### 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 Jackie Bob Bottoms and Billy Lee Bean with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Ben Blosch gave an update on their financials. He provided an update on gaming in Arkansas. He announced Hard Rock Tulsa received fourteen Best of the World awards. He announced the next exhibitor at the Saline Courthouse. The 2nd Annual SkasdiCon was held at the NSU Ballroom.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### AMEND AGENDA

**Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include items 6-9 passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### Rules Committee

1. [23-060](#) **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNDON EMBERTON TO THE CITIZEN COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Danny Callison, Melvina Shotpouch, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Joe Deere and Johnny Kidwell

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-037-23



6. [23-067](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
CODE ANNOTATED**
- Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl Legg and E. O. "JR." Smith
- Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-24-23
7. [23-068](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 67 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
CODE ANNOTATED**
- Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Johnny Kidwell, E. O. "JR." Smith and Daryl Legg
- Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-25-23
8. [23-066](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING  
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2024 - Mod. 2  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Kevin Easley, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski
- Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-26-23
9. [23-069](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF EQUIPMENT TO  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC  
MEDICINE VIA THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**
- Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, E. O. "JR." Smith and Daryl Legg
- Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-041-23

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilors requested remembrance and prayers for the passing of citizens over the past month.*

*Councilor Easley announced a community meeting at Oologah tomorrow night.*

*Councilor Tehee announced a District 1, 2, and 3 community meeting on November 9th at the Cherokee County Community Building.*

*Councilor Legg announced a joint community meeting with Councilor Smith on November 30th at the Sallisaw Middle School.*

*Deputy Speaker Vazquez announced a community meeting on November 28th at the Craig County Fairgrounds.*

*Speaker Shambaugh recognized visitors in the audience. He requested everyone sing Happy Birthday to S. Joe Crittenden.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:35 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on December 11th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.