



# 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, September 13, 2021

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh  
Rules Committee Chair

**Rules Committee Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; 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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve both the August regular session and special session minutes. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin commented on this being the first Council meeting of the new Council term. He reported COVID is our central concern day in and day out. We had a successful virtual Cherokee National Holiday. He touched on some of the priority issues he addressed during his annual state of the nation address. Lastly he addressed an issue that goes to the heart of our sovereignty which is the operation of our Cherokee Nation court system.*

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett provided highlights from the gaming and hospitality businesses. He reported this is the busiest time of the year for federal contracting. He reported on the humanitarian efforts underway. He announced they have rolled out a very comprehensive COVID testing program for their employees this last week. They have reinstated COVID administrative leave for their employees. The American Quarter Horse Association has brought back fall racing to Will Rogers Downs. The 26th Annual Homecoming Art Show and Sale is both online and at the Cherokee Springs Plaza.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include new business items 13 through 15 passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Rules Committee

1. [21-081](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-039-21

2. [21-082](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan

**Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the**

**motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-040-21

3. [21-083](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan

**Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-041-21

4. [21-071](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF DEWAYNE MARSHALL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Candessa Tehee, Rex Jordan and Wes Nofire

**Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-042-21

5. [21-072](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STUART GRAYSON AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Shawn Crittenden, Victoria Vazquez, Candessa Tehee, Wes Nofire and Rex Jordan

**Councilor Nofire made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-043-21

6. [21-073](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. BLAKE FLETCHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

**Sponsors:** E. O. "JR." Smith, Shawn Crittenden and Rex Jordan

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

Enactment No: R-044-21

7. [21-074](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN VANN AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

**Sponsors:** Joe Deere, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Dobbins, Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: R-045-21

8. [21-075](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK DELOZIER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION  
**Sponsors:** Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Johnny Kidwell and Candessa Tehee  
**Councilor Kidwell made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**  
Enactment No: R-046-21
9. [21-077](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan and Dora Patzkowski  
**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**  
Enactment No: LA-39-21
10. [21-078](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 63 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED  
**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez and Mike Shambaugh  
**Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**  
Enactment No: LA-40-21

#### Executive and Finance Committee

11. [21-079](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Sponsors:** Joe Deere  
**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**  
Enactment No: LA-41-21
12. [21-080](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Sponsors:** Joe Deere  
**Councilor Legg made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**  
Enactment No: LA-42-21
13. [21-084c](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin

**Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-43-21

14. [21-084o](#)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin

**Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-44-21

15. [21-085](#)

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR § 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Sponsors:** Daryl Legg and Mike Shambaugh

**Councilor Legg made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-047-21

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Several Councilor members announced the passing of Cherokee citizens over the last month and requested prayers for them and their families. Councilor Austin requested prayers for a Cherokee citizen battling medical issues. Chair Shambaugh commented on the many health care issues and gave appreciation to all of the health care workers.*

*The Swearing in of Speaker Shambaugh and Deputy Speaker Vazquez was performed by Justice Garrett immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:25 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.