



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Joshua Sam, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, September 26, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Kendra McGeady

**Late Arrival** 1 - Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Ben Blossch reported on the financials he offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Callison requested an update on Arkansas.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Treasurer Taylor reported they are completing all of the year end functions and making sure all of the ARPA dollars are allocated. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported the Chili Cook Off in Pryor will be on October 4th. The TERO banquet will be held at the Hard Rock on November 7th. the Safety Fair will be held at the One Fire Field on October 11th with Wildland Fire. She offered to answer any questions.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported they have made more than \$1ml in loans this year. She offered to answer any questions.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*No issues or concerns were voiced on the Consent items.*

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. [24-097](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #33-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPTIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [24-098](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:12 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Janees Taylor*  
*Jody Reece*  
*Canaan Duncan*

*Anna Knight*  
*Shella Bowlin*

*Diane Kelley*  
*Brooke Neff*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Teddy Snell*

*Ben Blosch*