



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

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Monday, January 13, 2025

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; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

### 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

*Chief Hoskin commented on our recent snow storm and the fires in California. He announced Acting Marshal Mead has been sworn into office. Speaker Services held their 3rd year anniversary celebration. CC Camp in Adair County will be one of the fifteen communities to receive a cell tower to provide internet. He announced grants have been received for additional charging stations and environmental assessments for clean-up. On Wednesday an MOA with Federal Emergency Management will be signed supporting local and national disaster response. On the 16th they will meet with the BIA.*

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 David Mathew Hall and Lloyd Lee England with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.*

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported November was a very strong month. He announced higher than expected revenue on the federal level. He commented the upcoming presidential changes and their possible effect to the businesses. He provided an update on the lawsuits pertaining to gaming in Arkansas. The 54th Annual Trail of Tears Art Show is accepting art. Starting tomorrow the Thomas Muskrat Exhibit will be at the Saline Courthouse through May. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

**Deputy Speaker Easley moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Community Service today. Secretary Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Executive and Finance Committee

- 1. [24-116](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN’S LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sponsors:** Johnny Kidwell

**Secretary Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-001-25

2. [24-117](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 4 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam

**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-01-25

3. **24-122**

**Sponsors:** Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: R-002-25

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Deere announced the Martin Luther King parade is Monday in Tulsa.*

*Several Councilors offered condolences and prayers for families who have lost loved ones over the past month.*

*Speaker Shambaugh commented on the good quick day, gave appreciation for everyone attending. He commented the Veteran's portion of the agenda is the high point.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:28 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on February 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.