



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, May 16, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 15 - 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 and Mike Shambaugh

Absent 2 - Wes Nofire and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the March special session and the April regular session minutes. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin commented it is great to be back in the Council Chambers and to be able to bring back community meetings. This year's Cherokee National Holiday will be in person. The Medal of Patriotism Awards for our Veterans will be back on the Council agenda in June with your blessing. This month is Foster Child Awareness Month. The Fostering Hope Program is a stipend to those who have aged out of the

system. They struck an agreement with the National Park Service for Buffalo National River Park so that Cherokee citizens can access that park and the medicinal plants there. Chief Hoskin recently visited the United Nations in New York City to talk about the preservation of the Cherokee language. Lastly, he spoke of threats to the Cherokee Nation and our sovereignty by Governor Stitt pertaining to McGirt. Now in the middle of an election season candidates, in both Federal and State, are agreeing with Governor Stitt stating McGirt is the greatest threat to Oklahomans. Chief Hoskin stated McGirt is not the greatest threat to Oklahomans; it is a promise made and promise kept, it is an opportunity for all Oklahomans.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported remotely. He provided good news in that the March financials are great and April looks even better. They are taking in the inflation into account in all planning. Their Community Action Team is excited to be back in action with events. The Cherokee Nation Film Office has collaborated to present the Season in Storytellers Initiative, this is specifically aimed at increasing native representation within the television industry.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [22-028](#) **AN ACT REVISING AND RESTATING TITLE 26 (“ELECTIONS”) OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: LA-14-22

2. [22-033](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Danny Callison, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Mike Dobbins, Rex Jordan, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Joshua Sam, Ms. Melvina Shotpouch, E. O. "JR." Smith and Candessa Tehee

Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-15-22

3. [22-034](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARRY REYNOLDS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Danny Callison, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Rex Jordan, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Ms. Melvina Shotpouch, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-020-22

4. [22-035](#)

A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 63, CHAPTER 2, CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY ORGANIC ACT, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski and Mike Dobbins

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

Enactment No: LA-16-22

5. [22-036](#)

A LEGISLATIVE ACT CLARIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC, PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski and Mike Dobbins

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-17-22

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [22-037](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING

**THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022
- MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-18-22

7. [22-038](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2022 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

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

Enactment No: LA-19-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilors Coates, Crittenden, Tehee, and Sam requested prayers for families in their areas.

Councilor Austin announced this Saturday at the Will Rogers Birth Place the Pocahontas Club will host a picnic and have traditional games.

Councilor Shotpouch announced on June 6th they will be working the buffalo at the Bull Hollow Ranch.

Councilor Legg announced on the 28th Belfonte School they would have their second annual gathering.

Councilor Tehee reminded everyone of her and Councilor Jordan's community meeting on the 24th at the Tahlequah Community Building.

Councilor Smith announced he and Councilor Dobbins will have a community meeting on the 23rd in Warner.

Councilor Dobbins announced a community meeting on the 31st at Three Rivers.

Chief Hoskin recognized Councilor Kidwell for being inducted to the Coast Guard Wall of Valor.

Councilor Austin recognized Citizen Pat Reeder for being inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

Councilor Callison congratulated one of his constituents for graduating from West Point. All three of his brothers have also gone to West Point.

Councilor Kidwell announced At Large meetings in Atlanta on June 4th.

Speaker Shambaugh commented on being back in the Council Chambers. The

feeling here is different, this is where we belong.

Deputy Chief Warner commented on graduation season and Indian boarding schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:29 p.m.

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