



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, June 19, 2023

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; 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

Absent 2 - Daryl Legg and Joe Deere

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mike Roach reported in the absence of Marshal Buhl. He referred to the higher than usual number of community patrols and stated it was due to the new Marshals now on staff. He introduced their Summer Intern, Lauren Wilkie, who has a criminal justice interest. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired about an office at Cherokee Heights. Councilor Austin inquired as to the total number of Marshals now on staff. Councilor Smith commented it was good to see Marshals in Sequoyah County.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

A.G. Hill gave an overview of the recent Supreme Court decision in the Brackeen case where the ICWA was upheld. Councilor Austin inquired if the 7-2 decision would deter

others from filing suit. Councilor Coates inquired if the adoptive couple now has the option to go back to state courts.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported to date there are 19 FOIA requests, 0 GRA requests and 7 of the requests are outstanding.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston reported the motor vehicle number for year to date are down 3%, she stated it is more than likely the economy and interest rates. She provided an update on the Veteran tax exempt cards. The Catoosa tag office is currently closed due to the storm and not having electricity. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks announced a year to date comparison section has been added to the report. She gave an update on the number of new hires in orientation, their recruiting efforts, the total number of employees currently at the Cherokee Nation, and the total number of applications. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Callison inquired about the process for terminations. Councilor Dobbins inquired about retention efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-033](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREEN COUNTRY PARTICIPATING AND ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE SEA RESEARCH FOUNDATION/MYSTIC AQUARIUM TO SUPPORT STEM MENTORING FUNDED THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (OJJDP)
Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion with a request to forward to Council this evening. Councilors Austin, Shotpouch, Jordan, Sam and Smith requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shotpouch requested prayers for former Councilor Harley Buzzard's family, his son is fighting for his life.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:31 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Samantha Hendricks
Gwen Terrapin
Becca Isbell

Sharon Swepston
Taralee Montgomery
Janice Purcell

Mike Roach
Sara Hill
Corey Bunch

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell