



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Dobbins attended remotely.

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; 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

Late Arrival 1 - Daryl Legg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve the November minutes as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl gave an update from his wildlife team. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired if the hunts with the youth included any from ICW or our foster kids. He inquired as to the total number of Marshals we currently have. He requested clarification on the jail agreements, patrols and transports.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

Ms. Hill provided an update on the hunting and fishing compact issue. She provided an update on the current court filings. Ms. Hill reported the Supreme Court of the United

States where the State of Oklahoma has started a campaign to appeal every case dismissed from the State and taken to the Supreme Court. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on hunting and fishing for Cherokee Nation citizens after the 1st of January. Councilor Callison requested clarification on the rumor of us dismissing a lot of cases. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about court out in the communities. Councilor Nofire inquired about the number of cases processed weekly. He also inquired about the UKB land in trust letter from the Department of the Interior and sole jurisdiction.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin provided an update from her report. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on a GRA request he received.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin requested an update on the Tag office in Catoosa and if it would be ready when the State takes the Welcome Center lease back. Councilor Kidwell requested clarification on the veteran sales tax exemption cards. He suggested pushing then on the GaDuGi portal. Chair Shambaugh requested an update on the additional worker at Jay.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell announced the commissioners meeting will be held at 9:30 this Thursday morning. She gave a shout out to the gaming team for their efforts with the Angel Tree and Toys for Tots.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks announced they are shortening the time for new hires to start. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg requested clarification on if the vaccine mandates were on hold for new hires. Councilor Nofire inquired about the policy for medical and religious vaccine exemptions. Councilor Callison inquired as to the reasoning for changing 401k providers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-397](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FORMATION OF A TRIBAL PROTECTION WORK GROUP
Councilor Nofire explained the reasoning for requesting this work group and gave examples. Following some discussion Councilor Austin made a motion to table indefinitely. Councilor Coates commented from a Robert's Rules of Order procedural prospective a motion to table indefinitely is not appropriate on this item. Councilor Austin withdrew.
Following additional discussion and dialog a work group was not formed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [21-118](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE TRIBAL COUNCIL REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERYL ROUNTREE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Tehee nominated Sheryl Rountree for reappointment. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 2. [21-119](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilors Coates and Nofire voiced concerns for the amendment. Following lengthy discussion and clarification given the motion to approve carried with Councilors Nofire and Coates opposed.

- 3. [21-120](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Shambaugh commented on the good discussion held today.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:43 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>
<i>Janice Purcell</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>
<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Sheryl Rountree</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Chuck Garrett</i>