



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Monday, September 16, 2024

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.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - 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. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin commented on the success of the recently held Cherokee National Holiday. He reported on the Permanent Reauthorization of the Housing, Jobs, and Sustainable Communities Act, the Claremore Indian Health Services Facility, the drug treatment center, the Emergency Management Services facility construction and new ambulances. Chief spoke about move in day at the Crittenden housing addition, the ribbon cutting at the Cherokee Film Institute, the Master Apprentice Language Program graduation, and the return of the Warrior Flight. A back to school event was held at the Woody Hair Community Building where laptops were given to the Oaks and Kenwood Schools. National Voter Registration Day is tomorrow. At Large meetings will be held in Texas this weekend. Chief requested time to allow the Tribal Youth Ambassadors, Jr. Miss Cherokee and Miss Cherokee to introduce themselves.

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 honored David Tevebaugh, Thomas Carter and Charles January with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the end of the year financials. He stated they are finalizing the strategy for the upcoming year. They have presented their fiscal year budget for 2025 to the board. He spoke about the economic head winds, the golf course and the awards they have received. Will Rogers Downs has reopened and the American Quarter Horse Association is returning. He spoke about the Film Office opening and provided an update on the court battles with gaming in Arkansas. He offered to answer any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [24-088](#) **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENDRA MCGEADY TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT FOR DISTRICT 11 RESULTING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER VICTORIA VAZQUEZ**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve the revised version provided, correcting the term end date. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Judge Dobbins performed the swearing in ceremony. Councilor McGeady took

her seat with the Council.

Enactment No: R-047-24

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

2. [24-080](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh and Joe Deere

Councilor Callison moved to approve the nomination of Councilor Kevin Easley, Jr. as Deputy Speaker. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Justice Dobbins performed the swearing in of Deputy Speaker Easley.

Enactment No: R-048-24

Resource Committee

3. [24-075](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND IN OCHELATA OKLAHOMA TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION (WCCA)

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski and Kevin Easley

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

Enactment No: R-049-24

Rules Committee

4. [24-076](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK DELOZIER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

Sponsors: Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Johnny Kidwell and Joe Deere

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-050-24

5. [24-078](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING RITA BUNCH AS TRIBAL COUNCIL

**APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE BOARD MEMBER SEAT OF THE
CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee and Danny Callison

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

Enactment No: R-051-24

6. [24-079](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CLARICE DOYLE AS A TRIBAL
COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE BOARD SEAT AS AN
EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX**

Sponsors: Kevin Easley, Joe Deere and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-052-24

7. [24-077](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME
A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN
INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND
ALTERNATES**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joshua Sam, Dora Patzkowski,
Codey Poindexter and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: R-053-24

8. [24-082](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 14-22 AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Johnny Kidwell, Joe Deere and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: LA-30-24

9. [24-087](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 “COUNCIL”, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 3**

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell, Kevin Easley and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: LA-31-24

Executive and Finance Committee

10. [24-083](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO SHADY GROVE SCHOOL**

Sponsors: Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

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

Enactment No: R-054-24

11. [24-084](#)

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: LA-32-24

12. [24-085](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO GREASY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: R-055-24

13. [24-086](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN’S LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-056-24

14. [24-089C](#)

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: LA-33-24

15. [24-089O](#)

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: LA-34-24

AMEND THE AGENDA

Secretary Patzkowski moved to amend the agenda to include items 16 through 19 passed from committees earlier today. Deputy Speaker Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

16. [24-090](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF COMPACTING PROGRAMS, SERVICES FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES AND OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES OF THE CLAREMORE SERVICE UNIT

Sponsors: Danny Callison, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Lisa Hall, Candessa Tehee, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter, Melvina Shotpouch, Joe Deere, Kevin Easley, Johnny Kidwell, Julia Coates, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh and Kendra McGeady

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

Councilor McGeady requested to be added as a sponsor.

Enactment No: R-057-24

17. [24-091](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PILOT NORTH TULSA PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC IN COLLABORATION WITH OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Sponsors: Danny Callison, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Lisa Hall, Candessa Tehee, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter, Melvina Shotpouch, Joe Deere, Kevin Easley, Johnny Kidwell, Julia Coates, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh and Kendra McGeady

Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The

motion carried.

Councilor McGeady requested to be added as a sponsor.

Enactment No: R-058-24

18. [24-092](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS \$65 MILLION CAPITAL PLAN FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee, Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter, Lisa Hall, E. O. "JR." Smith, Danny Callison, Johnny Kidwell, Mike Shambaugh, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Daryl Legg, Melvina Shotpouch, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere and Kendra McGeady

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

Councilor McGeady requested to be added as a sponsor.

Enactment No: R-059-24

19. [24-100](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO TEEN CHALLENGE OF OKLAHOMA-MUSKOGEE

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

Enactment No: R-060-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several Councilors requested thoughts and prayers for Cherokees who have passed over the last month.

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls announced a fellowship in the park at Hulbert City Park on September 23rd

Councilor Tehee wished her mom a happy birthday.

Councilor Hall gave appreciation to all of those who attended her and Councilor Poindexter's community meeting at Tenkiller on the 6th.

Councilor Hall announced she was going to be a Li Si in April of 2025.

Speaker Shambaugh commented on the good day of meetings and wished everyone safe travels.

Councilor Coates congratulated Councilor Sam and his wife on their new baby.

Speaker Shambaugh recognized former Councilors Keith Austin and Victoria Vazquez in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:54 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.