



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, February 23, 2023

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Melvina Shotpouch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl gave an update on the number of inmates at the facility in Texas. They continue to hire additional Marshals. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Austin inquired if a person wants to apply to be a Marshal but can't be hired for six or more months, should they wait to apply. Councilor Patzkowski requested additional information on the Marshal Service office located in Cherokee Heights.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

Ms. Hill announced it is jury trial week here at the Cherokee Nation. She provided an update on the Stroble income tax case. She gave highlights from her participation in

Legislative Days. She offered to answer questions from the report. Additional questions were asked in regard to the Stroble case.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported for 2023 there are six FOIA requests, three of those are outstanding and there are no GRA requests to date. The website has been updated.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swebston

Ms. Fonda Gritts offered to take questions from the report provided.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report. She reported they have been busy testing new games. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 10th in Catoosa. Councilor Callison inquired of sports betting becomes legal would it come through the Gaming Commission. Additional questions were asked in clarification pertaining to sports betting.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks reported on the new ways to apply for jobs here at the Cherokee Nation. They are working to improve the communication with applicants. They will conduct open interviews on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [23-002](#) AN ACT AMENDING CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 10, SECTION 5(A)-(C) - GRANDPARENTAL VISITATION RIGHTS
Councilor Tehee moved to table. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-005](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF COLTON MONTGOMERY AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)
Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Deere requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.
2. [23-006](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SHAWNA BAKER TO SERVE AS AN ASSOCIATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WITH THE KICKAPOO TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
Councilor Vazquez moved to table. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [23-007](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Coates, Jordan and Tehee requested to be added as sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:39 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Samantha Hendricks
Taralee Montgomery
Corey Bunch

Shannon Buhl
Gwen Terrapin
Janice Purcell

Fonda Gritts
Sara Hill

VISITORS PRESENT:

Colton Montgomery

John Young

Teddye Snell