



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, September 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 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** 15 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Absent** 2 - Mike Dobbins and Joe Deere

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Legg moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Warner gave the State of the Nation for Chief Hoskin. Chief Hoskin is currently on travel status. Deputy Chief Warner stated he just returned from CDC meetings. He reported on the successful Cherokee National Holiday and gave appreciation to various groups but especially to facilities and all of the volunteers. There was an estimated 100,000 visitors during the holiday events. Deputy Warner spoke of the Cherokee community values. Human Resources recently performed a market study on salaries and will be implementing wage increases. Chief Hoskin signed an Executive Order creating a GaDuGi Task Force which will be headed up by Canaan Duncan and Shawn Crittenden. We have five new graduates of The Language Master Apprenticeship Program, this brings the total number of graduates to forty-four. A Harm Reduction mobile van has been launched. Tomorrow the Warrior Flight departs*

*with ten veterans following a reception at the Hard Rock. At Large meetings will be held in Austin, San Antonio and Houston Texas on the 16th and 17th of this month. Lastly he commented on the passing of Virgil Choogie Smoke.*

*Speaker Shambaugh commented on how Deputy is always up to the task when needed.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Deputy Chief Warner wished traveling graces to Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden and the Veterans on their upcoming Warrior Flight trip. Deputy Warner and Secretary Crittenden honored George Robert Day, James Leslie Lohman and Glenn Holland Carman with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported on the financials as they enter the last month of the fiscal year. He commented on the possible federal government shut-down. They continue their diversification efforts. He touched on the MGM cyber security event. An update was given on the gaming situation in Arkansas. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:44 p.m.**

#### Rules Committee

1. [23-038](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING A MEMBER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO THE OFFICE OF

SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Danny Callison, Melvina Shotpouch, Daryl Legg and E. O. "JR." Smith

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

Enactment No: R-029-23

2. [23-047](#)

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-13-23  
APPROVING A LETTER OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND GRANTING  
A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Joe Deere, Danny Callison, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Candessa Tehee and Johnny Kidwell

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-030-23

3. [23-055](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 51 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE  
ANNOTATED PERTAINING TO THE FILLING OF A VACANCY IN  
THE POSITION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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

**Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-18-23

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [23-048](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE  
TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN’S LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sponsors:** Johnny Kidwell, Candessa Tehee, Daryl Legg, Mike Shambaugh, E. O. "JR." Smith, Danny Callison, Dora Patzkowski and Mike Dobbins

**Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-031-23

5. [23-049](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-22 AUTHORIZING  
THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023  
- MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Kevin Easley, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-19-23

6. [23-050](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 11 AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Kevin Easley, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-20-23

7. [23-052c](#)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Johnny Kidwell, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-21-23

8. [23-052o](#)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Johnny Kidwell, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-22-23

9. [23-053](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Joshua Sam and Daryl Legg

**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-032-23

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Several Councilor requested the remembrance of Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month.*

*Deputy Speaker Vazquez announced Cherokee Days at the East Trail Museum and Native American Indian Unity Fest.*

*Councilor Legg announced the 3rd Annual Gathering at Belfonte this Saturday.*

*Secretary Patzkowski announced a community meeting in Dewey on the 21st and on the 25th at the Noweta Community Center.*

*Speaker Shambaugh commented we have a lot to be thankful for, he spoke of the immaculate powwow grounds and the successful holiday.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:44 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on October 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.