



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Wednesday, November 13, 2019

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the October regular session minutes. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Captain Scot Craig reported in the absence of Mr. Buhl. Chair Byrd inquired about the activity over the last thirty days.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

*Ms. Nimmo gave an update on the ICWA 5th Circuit case, the request for rehearing in the UKB case was denied, there isn't an official decision on the opioid case however a meeting was held with a possibility of breaking out the cases into state, county, and tribal. The State has proposed arbitration in regard to the Gaming Compact. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the UKB ruling and the next step. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on panels and how they are assigned. She also requested clarification on the opioid case if remanded*

*back to tribal courts. Councilor Nofire inquired about the options in the UKB case. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the Round-up case.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin reported on changes, there remain thirty-seven total requests with none outstanding at this time.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the collection of data for a Stilwell tag office.*

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

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

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw announced per Chief Hoskin a FOIA is no longer needed to obtain a job description. Chair Byrd stated there is a need for math teachers at Sequoyah.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-094](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CROSBY CONNOR CAUGHRON AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL HOME HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**Councilor Vazquez withdrew this nomination per the request of the Administration.**
  
2. [19-095](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WAYNE COLDWELL AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)  
**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilor Shaw requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
  
3. [19-096](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND INCORPORATE CERTAIN CHEROKEE TRIBAL TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND CULTURE  
*Councilor Nofire gave a brief reasoning and intent for the amendment. He requested discussion be allowed then he would like to table for a month. Following lengthy Chair Byrd suggested Councilor Nofire, Council Attorney Brown and Assistant Attorney General Nimmo get together to try to work out some details and bring back next month.*  
**Councilor Legg moved to table. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The**

**motion carried.**

4. [TMP-384](#)

DISCUSSION ONLY- AN AMENDMENT TO CHEROKEE NATION SPORTS TEAMS FUNDING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

*Councilor Austin commented over the last six years he has only had two teams meet the 51% Cherokee requirement in his district. All of the funding isn't used therefore this policy amendment is to allow Cherokees teams of 25% could receive half of the funding. Chair Byrd requested Jody Reece and Gayle Miller speak on the Sports Teams. Concerns were voiced on precedence being set if this were to change to allow 25% percent Cherokee that it would affect other programs.*

**Following lengthy discussion no suggested changes were made to the policy.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:22 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Scot Craig</i>	<i>Janice Purcell</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swebston</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Gayle Miller</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Wayne Coldwell</i>
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