



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, October 26, 2023

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Tehee gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 15 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Absent 2 - Melvina Shotpouch and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marsha Buhl reported on their part in the double homicide in Tahlequah last week. They are currently in the field removing remains from a well. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

A.G. Harsha announced former Attorney General Sara Hill has been appointed as a federal judge. The Oklahoma Senate Committee voted down the gaming compacts. He provided an update on several cases and then offered to answer any questions.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there are four new FOIA requests which are currently outstanding. To date there is a total of thirty-two FOIA requests and no GRA requests. The website has been updated. Chair Shambaugh requested the four new requests be sent to the Council.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Kidwell inquired about an after action report from the last election cycle. Councilor Tehee inquired when redistricting last occurred.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston reported motor vehicle numbers are hovering at even, the revenue and tax numbers are up. She reported on the new staff in training. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Coates requested an update on disability tags.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

Ms. Miles offered to answer questions from the report.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell stated there is a change to the report in that the board meeting, scheduled for the 20th, was postponed to the 27th at the Hard Rock. She gave a shout out to Human Resources and their open interviews as it has let them to some new hires. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks gave an update on their open interviews and announced they are now including program participants in the process. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-060](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNDON EMBERTON TO THE CITIZEN COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION
Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilors Smith, Legg, Deere and Kidwell requested to be added as sponsors.
2. [23-061](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUZANNE B. GILSTRAP TO THE CITIZEN COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilors Deere, Kidwell and Easley requested to be added as sponsors.

- 3. [23-062](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES

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

- 4. [23-065](#) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE COURT ON THE JUDICIARY AS MANDATED UNDER ARTICLE 8 SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION.

Councilor Easley moved to enter into discussion. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. Councilor Kidwell gave background for the legislation and suggested a work group. He stated we are required to have this and it will take a lot of work. The intent in placing on the agenda today is to make everyone aware and to allow feed back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Shotpouch is in Oklahoma City receiving an award today.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:20 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Marcus Fears</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Ashawna Miles</i>	<i>Janice Purcell</i>
<i>Robin Dotson</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Rick Doherty</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
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