



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, March 14, 2022

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Deputy Speaker Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Keith Austin

Late Arrival 1 - Melvina Shotpouch

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Councilor Austin attended remotely.

Speaker Shambaugh read into the record the remote attendance law allowing Councilors to attend the Council meeting remotely. Councilor Jordan made a motion to allow. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve the February minutes. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced they celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Sequoyah Schools where they committed a time capsule to be opened in fifty years. He traveled to Washington D.C. in an ongoing effort to get our delegate seated. He provided an update on the Housing Rehab Program. Chief Hoskin provided an update on COVID, the CDC masking guidelines and what this means to us. An announcement has been made to the community organizations of upcoming get events.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported the financial results for the first four months of the year have been extremely strong. He reported on some federal contract wins. The CNB employees have rallied to volunteer for the Junior Achievement Event "Inspire". In honor of the 150th Anniversary of Sequoyah Schools there will be an "It Takes A Nation" exhibit at the John Ross Museum. Will Rogers Downs will begin their spring racing season next week.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to amend the agenda to include items passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [22-016](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARIA ELIZABETH BALLEW AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Rex Jordan and Candessa Tehee

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-014-22

2. [22-018](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 18, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, EXPANDING THE ACCESS FOR CHEROKEE NATION CITIZENS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES HEARING AID PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell, Danny Callison, Keith Austin, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Ms. Melvina Shotpouch, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Kidwell made a motion to approve. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-07-22

3. [22-022](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT CERTAIN GRANT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTE CERTAIN GRANT AWARDS**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve the substitute version provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire offered a friendly amendment to strike "and execute certain grant awards". Following discussion, the friendly amendment was declined. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-015-22

4. [22-020](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-08-22

5. [22-021](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2022 - MOD. 5A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

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

Enactment No: LA-09-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilors offered condolences and prayers to the families who have lost loved ones over the last month. Councilor Nofire congratulated Cherokee citizen Jason Christie for winning the Bass Master Classic. Councilor Smith announced the Sports Team and Livestock Funding Work Group will meeting at 9:30 a.m. on March 31st. Speaker Shambaugh commented on the good discussion held and the hopes to be back in the Council Chambers soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:33 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.