



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Monday, March 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 2 - Johnny Kidwell and Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced a partnership with the Legal Aide of Oklahoma and our Human Services Department for a new pilot program. He also reported and gave updates on the Public Health and Wellness Programs, a Proclamation signed last week, the Rare Disease Task Force, the Cancer Care Partnership, The Seeds Program, the Language Program Graduation, the Housing Jobs and Sustainable Communities Act, and the Sequoyah High School football field project. He also spoke about the partnership with the City of Tahlequah for a sidewalk project.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner requested the assistance of Chief Hoskin with Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden on travel with the Warrior Flight. Chief and Deputy Chief presented Robert James Chaney and Quinton Lyle Kester with the Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported the February books were closed today. He gave an overview of the general business environment. There is a lot of uncertainty in government contracting at this time. He announced they received a clean audit across the board. Horse racing has returned to Will Rogers Downs for twenty-eight day schedule. They are currently accepting bids for Cherokee artwork for a freedman monument.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [25-015](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMY PAGE
AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Johnny Kidwell, Joe Deere, Dora Patzkowski, Danny Callison, Codey Poindexter, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee, Kevin Easley and Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion.

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to amend the term dates. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-011-25

1. [25-015](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMY PAGE AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**

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The motion to approve as amended carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-011-25

2. [25-016](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE TRIBAL COUNCIL REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERYL ROUNTREE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Lisa Hall, E. O. "JR." Smith, Danny Callison, Joe Deere and Mike Dobbins

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-012-25

3. [25-017](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING A TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF MILDRED CHOATE TAYLOR TO FILL A BOARD VACANCY OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg and E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-013-25

4. [25-018](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT FOR THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAPERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION AND THE CHEROKEE NATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter, E. O. "JR." Smith and Joe Deere

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-014-25

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [25-019](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO MARYETTA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-015-25

6. [25-020](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE A VEHICLE TO WILL ROGERS DOWNS**

Sponsors: Kevin Easley

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

Enactment No: R-016-25

7. [25-021](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO THE LIGHT
MISSION FOUNDATION**

Sponsors: Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: R-017-25

8. [25-022](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE
OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 6A AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: LA-09-25

9. [25-027](#)

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: LA-10-25

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Tehee moved to amend the agenda to include four items passed out of Community Service Committee earlier today. Deputy Speaker Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. [25-023](#)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SALLY BULL HOLLOW HOUSING,
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESERVE**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Codey Poindexter, Johnny Kidwell,
Joshua Sam, Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Dora Patzkowski, Lisa

Hall, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Candessa Tehee, Julia Coates and Joe Deere

Councilor Coates moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-018-25

11. [25-024](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE JAY HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESERVE

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Johnny Kidwell, Danny Callison, Dora Patzkowski, Kevin Easley, Melvina Shotpouch, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall and Candessa Tehee

Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-019-25

12. [25-025](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VINITA HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESERVE

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Johnny Kidwell, Dora Patzkowski, Kendra McGeady, Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall and Candessa Tehee

Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-020-25

13. [25-026](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH COFFEYVILLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESERVE

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Johnny Kidwell, Dora Patzkowski, Kendra McGeady, Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: R-021-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates announced the Kansas At Large meetings are this weekend.

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls recognized the Okay Mustangs Class A basketball team for bringing home the silver ball from State.

Councilor Tehee announced upcoming Cherokee Cultural Wellness Classes at the Tahlequah Community Building.

Councilor Legg congratulated Bodie Adams a Class 4A State Wrestler.

Deputy Speaker Easley announced the Andy Payne 5K will be on April 12th in Claremore. This Saturday is the Indian Women's Pocahontas Club wild onion dinner.

Speaker Shambaugh announced the National Gig Tournament will be the second weekend of April at Lake Eucha. He also recognized the Kenwood Lady Basketball Team as State Champs.

Councilor Hall congratulated both Keys High School girls and the Sequoyah High School girls for going to State.

Multiple Councilors requested thoughts and prayers for families of loved ones who have passed over the last month.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:51 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.