



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, September 12, 2022

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

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Warner announced it is a privilege to deliver the State of the Nation today. Chief Hoskin has tested positive for COVID. He reported on the very successful Cherokee National Holiday. Deputy Warner announced recently the Cherokee Nation has been named a Forbes Top Ten Best in State Employer for 2022. We have launched a new family leave policy for the birth or adoption of a child. We are collaborating with Indian Health Services to bring \$11.8ml in safer water infrastructure and sewage upgrades to 1,400 homes across the Cherokee Nation. There have been almost 6,300 higher education scholarships given this fall. He reported on the At Large community meetings. Lastly, he requested a moment of silence for those Cherokees who we have lost over the past month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief
 and
 S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Crittenden honored Donald R. Davis, Ross Fred Reavis Jr., and Eardie J. Six with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett provided an update on the summer financials. They continue their gaming journey in Arkansas. He reported it is the contracting time of the year for Cherokee Federal. Fall racing will kick off at Will Rogers Downs this weekend. He gave a shout out to the Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism team for their part in a successful Cherokee National Holiday. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee commented on the ribbon cutting of the Cultural Pathway and request a formal invite to the Council, through the Council staff, for all events. Councilor Nofire requested an update on their masking policy.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

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

Rules Committee

- 1. [22-067](#) **THE CAREER READINESS ACT OF 2019, 2022 AMENDMENTS**

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

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

Enactment No: LA-26-22

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [22-068](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: LA-27-22

3. [22-069](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-28-22

4. [22-070c](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: LA-29-22

5. [22-070o](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: LA-30-22

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6. [22-071](#) **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH STUDY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE DIRECT CARE AND PURCHASED AND REFERRED CARE (CONTRACT HEALTH) CLAREMORE INDIAN HOSPITAL**
- Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, Keith Austin, Danny Callison, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Joshua Sam, Melvina Shotpouch, E. O. "JR." Smith and Candessa Tehee
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-040-22
7. [22-072](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO GRANT AN EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY AND LIFT STATION ACROSS TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO THE TAHLEQUAH PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY FOR THE INDIAN MEADOWS SEWER LINE PROJECT LOCATED IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Sponsors:** Rex Jordan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee and Victoria Vazquez
- Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-041-22
8. [22-073](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND FOR A WATER PUMP STATION AND GRANT EASEMENTS FOR RIGHTS OF WAY FOR A WATERLINE PROJECT LOCATED ON TRIBAL TRUST LANDS TO THE TENKILLER UTILITIES AUTHORITY (TUA)**
- Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee, Victoria Vazquez, Rex Jordan and Joe Deere
- Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-042-22
9. [22-074](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO GRANT AN EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR A ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE CITY OF CATOOSA LOCATED ON TRIBAL TRUST LAND IN ROGERS COUNTY**
- Sponsors:** Rex Jordan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee and Joe Deere
- Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion.**
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The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-043-22

10. [22-075](#)

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
DETENTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHEROKEE NATION AND
LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere and Julia Coates

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

Enactment No: R-044-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Crittenden moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:45 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.