



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, April 15, 2024

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

Absent 1 - Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin reported on the publicity to educate our car tag compact with the State, a visit from ARPAH who may have a possible cure for arthritis, the recently held Veteran Warrior Flight, the MOA just signed for Council projects and the GaDuGi Portal award received. Chief also spoke about items of interest to the Cherokee Nation under consideration with the State Legislature. This week Earth Day will be celebrated, leadership from HUD will be here, Inter-Tribal Council is in Thackerville, Amazon is using creative ways to use the Cherokee language. At Large meetings will be held in California this coming weekend. He spoke about two items the Council will vote on this evening; the RSU STEM Resolution and the Homeless Legislation. He requested to be able to yield some of his time for the introduction of this year's Remember the Removal Riders participants.

Each member of the Remember the Removal Riders introduced themselves in Cherokee.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

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

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden awarded Christopher Michael Hewitt, Luke Isaac Brown and the late Daniel Lee Brown with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the financials. He gave an update on our gaming in Arkansas battle. He recognized employees who had received recent awards. He offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Patzkowski moved to amend the agenda to include items 7-10 passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resource Committee

1. [24-020](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - BARTLESVILLE 14.993 ACRES

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter and Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion with a request for a roll call vote. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 15 - Johnny Kidwell ;Candessa Tehee;Danny Callison;Joshua Sam;Melvina Shotpouch;E. O. "JR." Smith;Mike Shambaugh;Victoria Vazquez;Sasha Blackfox-Qualls;Daryl Legg;Codey Poindexter;Dora Patzkowski;Joe Deere;Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Abstain: 1 - Lisa Hall

Enactment No: R-012-24

2. [24-021](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO GRANT EASEMENTS FOR RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE FOLLOWING ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS MUD VALLEY, KANSAS DRY CREEK, MALLOY HOLLOW AND SALLY BULL HOLLOW ROADS LOCATED ON TRIBAL TRUST LAND IN ADAIR, CHEROKEE AND DELAWARE COUNTIES

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter and Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Tehee requested a roll call vote. The motion carried by the following vote.

Yea: 15 - Johnny Kidwell ;Candessa Tehee;Danny Callison;Joshua Sam;Melvina Shotpouch;E. O. "JR." Smith;Mike Shambaugh;Victoria Vazquez;Sasha Blackfox-Qualls;Daryl Legg;Codey Poindexter;Dora Patzkowski;Joe Deere;Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Abstain: 1 - Lisa Hall

Enactment No: R-013-24

Rules Committee

3. [24-009](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF VIVIAN COTTRELL AS AN ADVISORY MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Mike Shambaugh and Codey Poindexter

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

Enactment No: R-014-24

4. [24-024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THR REAPPOINTMENT OF TONYA ROZELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF

CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Lisa Hall and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-015-24

5. [24-025](#)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PARTNERSHIP
WITH ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A STEM EDUCATION FACILITY
AND CREATE PATHWAYS TO HEALTH AND ALLIED
HEALTH EDUCATION**

Sponsors: Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Joe Deere, Johnny Kidwell and Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

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

Enactment No: R-016-24

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [24-026](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2024 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam and Kevin Easley

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

Yea: 16 - Johnny Kidwell ;Candessa Tehee;Danny Callison;Joshua Sam;Melvina Shotpouch;E. O. "JR." Smith;Mike Shambaugh;Victoria Vazquez;Sasha Blackfox-Qualls;Lisa Hall;Daryl Legg;Codey Poindexter;Dora Patzkowski;Joe Deere;Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Enactment No: LA-13-24

7. [24-028](#)

**a resolution Authorizing the sale of INHERITED property in
Garland, texas, a 5.439 acre tract.**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: R-017-24

8. [24-029](#)

a resolution Authorizing AN APPLICATION TO the FEDERAL

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion with a request for a roll call vote. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 15 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Abstain: 1 - Lisa Hall

Enactment No: R-018-24

9. [24-030](#)

a resolution Authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to Revise and Update the Cherokee Nation's Inventory of TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Tehee requested a roll call vote. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 15 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Abstain: 1 - Lisa Hall

Enactment No: R-019-24

10. [24-031](#)

A RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO LEGISLATIVE ACT 01-22; RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS

Sponsors: Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee, Lisa Hall, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Johnny Kidwell, Melvina Shotpouch and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote as requested by Councilor Tehee.

Yea: 16 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Enactment No: R-020-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Numerous Councilors requested remembrance of those who have passed over the past month.

Councilor Easley announced David Anderson receiving Citizen of the Year Award in Chelsea. He also announced on May 18th the Annual Picnic at Will Rogers Birth Place will be held.

Councilor Deere a Cherokee citizen from Claremore is a State Champion Wrestler. He recognized Ms. Molly Jarvis for receiving the Pinnacle Award.

Councilor Kidwell gave appreciation to all who attended the recently held At Large meeting for a new non-profit.

Councilor Smith gave appreciation to Chief and Deputy Chief for attending his meeting at the Vian Community Building.

Councilor Legg announced a community meeting on May 7th in Brushy

Speaker Shambaugh thanked the Remember the Removal Riders for attending the meeting and to be safe and careful on their journey. He thanked the Veterans for their service and Chief and Deputy for their leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:08 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on May 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.