



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joshua Sam, Chair

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Thursday, August 29, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 14 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Johnny Kidwell and Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the July financials and stated it is budget season. He offered to answer questions from the reports. Councilor Smith commented people really seem to like the Gold Strike in Tunica. Mr. Garrett gave an update on gaming in Arkansas. He introduced Ben Blosch and Kelly Reed and requested they provide information on their Enterprise Risk Management Program.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor reported the Sequoyah High School dorm are getting ready to be renovated therefore they have a lot of furniture that needs to be re homed. She reminded everyone of the budget hearings scheduled for Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. She introduced the auditors and they gave an overview of the annual audit. Jamie Cole gave a brief overview of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Review. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Mr. Palmer offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about an events list for the holiday. Councilor Tehee commented a vendor for the holiday had an issue with the early implementation of the inability to use single use plastics. There is conflicting information, she requested clarification. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about still being able to get pallets of water for communities.

CONSENT ITEMS:

No questions or concerns were voiced.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-083](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO SHADY GROVE SCHOOL

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [24-085](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO GREASY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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

3. [24-086](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN'S LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [24-084](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:54 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Jamie Cole
Jody Reece
Canaan Duncan*

*Janees Taylor
Brooke Neff*

*Hunter Palmer
Anna Knight*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Chuck Garrett
John Young*

*Kelly Reed
Teddye Snell*

Ben Blosch