



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Tuesday, June 11, 2019

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw and Canaan Duncan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the May 30th regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mr. Danny Tanner reported in the absence of Marshal Buhl. He provided a recap of their operations during the flood. They are currently working on reimbursement of expenses from the flood. Appreciation was given to the Marshal Service for all of their efforts during the recent disasters.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

*Ms. Nimmo reported there aren't any updates to be given at this time. She stated she does expect a decision in the murphy case within the next couple of weeks and will notify the Council as soon as it is received.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin stated she didn't have anything new to report at this time.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced she will have a new employee at the Catoosa tag office on Monday. This new employee will be the 3rd of 5 positions currently at this location. They also have an opening in Collinsville and one in Sallisaw. Councilor Taylor inquired about the number of actual physical tags are issued each year. She also inquired about a situation in the Catoosa office where someone reported they waited for 2-3 hours then were told they would not be processing any more that day. Councilor Shaw inquired about the difference in a Cherokee Nation veteran tag and a state veteran tag. Councilor Crittenden inquired how many counties have a tag office. Ms. Swepston stated she would provide a report to show the number of tags given by county. Councilor Dobbins inquired if we had considered selling our tags through a state agency. Chair Byrd requested a comparison of our veterans tags versus the state veteran tags in cost.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Mr. Hummingbird gave an update on the Ft. Gibson casino from their perspective. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired about flood insurance. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the fees to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission being negotiated for the 2020 Compact. Councilor Shaw inquired about sport betting becoming a part of the compact in 2020.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Councilor Dobbins commented on the flyer for dental school behind the self-governance report.*

*Mr. Morton submitted a partial report and offered to answer any questions.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### TMP-379

#### DISCUSSION ONLY - TERO LAW

*Councilor Buzzard commented it looks as though the debarment process is addressed in the TERO Legislation. He stated there isn't anything in that law that prevents a vendor on the debarment list from forming another company and getting certified as a TERO vendor. Ms. Diane Kelley gave an explanation of a person having multiple TERO certified companies. Councilor Shambaugh commented if there had been more communication with the Council on this specific situation we wouldn't be having this issue. Ms. Nimmo stated the policy was provided last month that addresses Councilor Buzzard's concern. Councilor Walkingstick inquired who holds the TERO vendor accountable and how is the Treasurer involved. Chair Byrd inquired how much time to complete the project and at what cost. Ms. Kelley and Mr. Lynn provided clarification on what happened in this situation. Ms. Kelley stated they are working with Mr. Lynn to insert a solution to this type of situation in the policy. They should have it complete in*

*August. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the liquidated damages.*

**Chair Byrd requested an update next month.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Crittenden announced July 3rd the Mid County Community Building will host their annual 4th of July Boom. All Cherokee Nation departments, artists and Council are invited.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:11 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Chirssi Nimmo</i>
<i>Danny Tanner</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Anita Christie</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tahlina Nofire Blakestad                      Teddye Snell*