



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Tuesday, November 12, 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 17 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin reported on the water line stop gap legislation. He provided an update on the motor vehicle compact negotiations. During the Veteran's Day Celebrations Justice Rex Earl Starr was given the Congressional Gold Medal. He announced a grant award for veterans treatment in criminal court. During the annual speakers event an announcement was made pertaining to a partnership with Amazon Prime. The Elder Summit was held last week. The senior nutrition program has been extended in Stilwell at the former Rowan's cafe. The ground breaking was held for the Tahlequah Wellness Center which will replace the current Markoma facility. The ground was broke in Catoosa for a 3,350 square foot child care facility. The TERO banquet was held last week. \$86ml has been extended in small business loans. He attended NCAI and spoke about important matters including sovereignty issues. Marshal Shannon

Buhl has announced his retirement effective December 31st of 2024. Chief Hoskin commented on changes to the Marshal Code up for consideration this evening. He took a moment to recognize the 5A State Champion Pryor Lady Tiger Softball team.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Secretary of State Canaan Duncan and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden presented Veterans Michael Cathy, Wayne Raymer and Tyler Brown with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Report was given earlier in the day during the Executive & Finance Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to amend the agenda to include items 2 through 6 passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [24-101](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING A MEMBER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-064-24

2. [24-106](#)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 HIS JOINT VENTURE
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION
AND OPERATION OF THE CLAREMORE HEALTH FACILITY**

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

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

Enactment No: R-065-24

3. [24-108](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 51 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE
ANNOTATED**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Kevin Easley, Johnny Kidwell, Candessa Tehee, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Danny Callison, Codey Poindexter, Kendra McGeady and Dora Patzkowski

A motion was made by Councilor Tehee to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-42-24

4. [24-107](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PAM
SELLERS AS CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD
COMMISSIONER**

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee, Lisa Hall, Codey Poindexter, E. O. "JR." Smith, Melvina Shotpouch, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Kevin Easley, Mike Dobbins, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Daryl Legg, Johnny Kidwell and Danny Callison

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

Enactment No: R-066-24

5. [24-109](#)

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

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: R-067-24

6. [24-110](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2025 - MOD. 3 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: LA-43-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:45 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.