



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, December 13, 2021

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Secretary Patzkowski gave the invocation.**

**Speaker Shambaugh requested a moment of silence in memory of Dianne Barker Harrold and on behalf of the victims of the recent tornado across four states.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the November minutes as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin reported on the visit from First Lady Jill Biden and Secretary of Indian Affairs Deb Haaland and the initiative for language revitalization. The Cherokee National Research Center has recently opened. He announced every Cherokee household will receive the Cherokee Phoenix free of charge. Chief Hoskin announced the Domestic Violence Task Force has completed its work and a report has been*

issued. The TERO Vendors were recently honored. Additional funding would be placed in the Council roads budget. Chief Hoskin touched on the resolution up for consideration tonight which would support a number of health capital projects including a new hospital here on our Tahlequah health campus and the replacement of the Salina Clinic. Lastly Chief Hoskin spoke of our position and rights following Governor Stitt's abandonment of the Hunting and Fishing Compact.

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett provided a financial update, stating they are off to a great start for FY2022. They continue to strive to be competitive in employee benefits and compensation. He reported on the Employee Assistance Program. The Cherokee National Research Center opened last week where all archives are now safely housed. Mr. Garrett spoke of the importance of the TERO Vendors to their business. He gave a shout out to the CNB employees who collected their own funds to assist kids for Christmas. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee read a portion of Resolution 36-17 where it states CNB must be given advanced notice of donations exceeding \$50,000. She then referred to a donation listed in the October report exceeding the \$50,000 where the Council was not notified in advance. Councilor Nofire referred to a news article with a donation exceeding the \$50,000 threshold where the Council was not notified and it was not listed in a GRA response he was provided. Councilor Nofire also requested clarification on Health Servicing Companies under the CNB health care umbrella.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Sam made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution passed out of Resource Committee earlier as item 10. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### Health Committee

1. [21-105](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE**

**2021 FTA CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSA) PROGRAM**

**Sponsors:** Mike Dobbins and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: R-062-21

Rules Committee

2. [21-108](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
LAUREN CUSICK OT THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX EDITORIAL BOARD**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin and Danny Callison

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Cusick was present.

Enactment No: R-063-21

3. [21-109](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
SUSANNAH PLUMB SCOTT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE  
CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**

**Sponsors:** Candessa Tehee and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-064-21

4. [21-110](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFF  
LIMORE TO THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH  
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Tehee abstaining.

Enactment No: R-065-21

5. [21-111](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF  
SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY  
FROM OKLAHOMA ORDINANCE WORKS AUTHORITY**

**Sponsors:** Danny Callison, Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-066-21

6. [21-112](#)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE  
CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THE RESPOND, RECOVER AND  
REBUILD PLAN**

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

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

Enactment No: R-067-21

7. [21-113](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING NAMING  
ACT OF 2021**

**Sponsors:** Shawn Crittenden, Joshua Sam and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: LA-51-21

8. [21-114](#)

**CHEROKEE NATION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
ACT**

**Sponsors:** Candessa Tehee and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.**

Enactment No: LA-52-21

Executive and Finance Committee

9. [21-115](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING  
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2022 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin

**Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.**

Enactment No: LA-53-21

10. [21-116](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE  
TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO DAHLONEGAH SCHOOL, INDEPENDENT**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29**

**Sponsors:** Shawn Crittenden and Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: R-068-21

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilors Tehee, Austin, Shambaugh and Shotpouch recognized Cherokees who have passed over the last month.*

*Councilor Patzkowski announced the Museum in Nowata was selected by the Smithsonian for a rural crossroads exhibit.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Austin made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:31 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 10th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.