



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dora Patzkowski, Chair
Danny Callison, Co-Chair

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Thursday, May 28, 2026

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patzkowski called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Patzkowski gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr. and Dora Patzkowski

Absent 1 - Danny Callison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve the regular and special sessions as submitted. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave an update on the financials, contracting, gaming and their strategies before offering to answer any questions.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor offered to answer questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they turned in 7 DOJ grants. She provided an update on Career Readiness and the summer programs. She offered to answer any questions. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about the status of a recovery worker in Jay. Councilor Hall commented on the recent expo held and on the report spotlight.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

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

- A.** [26-050](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:**
- Yea:** 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr. and Dora Patzkowski
- B.** [26-051](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 8; AND

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr. and Dora Patzkowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Legg wished Councilor Hall and her husband a Happy Anniversary.

Councilor Poindexter announced the Illinois River Fire Department will be hosting their annual fish fry fundraiser tomorrow.

Councilor Legg wished Speaker Kidwell a Happy Belated Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Chuck Garrett</i>
<i>Amber Edwards</i>		