



# 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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Tuesday, October 12, 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 5:09 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### 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 September minutes.  
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to include three items passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin reported on the \$40ml investment in early childhood education. An update was given on the Opioid case and partial settlement. He announced a*

*milestone in that we now have 400,000 citizens. Solar panels are being placed on some community buildings. He commented on his recent visit to a building in Vinita that CNB purchased that will be the new home of the Anna Mitchell Cultural Center. Lastly Chief Hoskin commented on the earlier discussion pertaining to fraudulent information.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

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

*Ms. Molly Jarvis reported in the absence of Mr. Garrett. She gave a financial update, reported on the governmental contracts and the gaming. She stated they have implemented the federal mask mandate. She reported on the COVID response test program. They honored Mary Vann who retired from CNI after forty-four years. As of September 24th it has been one year since the passing of the Heritage Center Act. They have proudly completed the transfer of the Cherokee National Archives to a new temporary home at the Cherokee National Research Center in the Cherokee Springs Plaza. The Cherokee Art Market will be once again on a virtual platform from December 6th to the 17th. Nanyehi will be at the Hard Rock Live October 29th through the 30th. She offered to answer questions.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [21-086](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GABE MOSTELLER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY**

**Sponsors:** Mike Dobbins

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

Enactment No: R-048-21

2. [21-087](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MERRELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin

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

Enactment No: R-049-21

3. [21-088](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AMBER LYNN GEORGE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: R-050-21

4. [21-089](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANNA MAYFIELD AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan

Councilor Coates made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-051-21

5. [21-090](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CANDLE MELTON AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Kidwell made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-052-21

6. [21-091](#)

**AN ACT RELATING TO ~~AND APPROPRIATELY ESTABLISHING~~ CODIFYING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS**

**Sponsors:** Candessa Tehee and Shawn Crittenden

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

Enactment No: LA-45-21

- 7.        [21-093](#)                    **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN HAIR AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Sponsors:**            Mike Shambaugh and Candessa Tehee

**Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-053-21
- 8.        [21-100](#)                    **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. BLAKE FLETCHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

**Sponsors:**            E. O. "JR." Smith, Shawn Crittenden and Rex Jordan

**Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-054-21
- 9.        [21-101](#)                    **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN VANN AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

**Sponsors:**            Joe Deere, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Dobbins, Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski, Candessa Tehee and E. O. "JR." Smith

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Smith requesting to be added as a sponsor.**

Enactment No: R-055-21
- 10.       [21-092](#)                    **Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-46-21
- 11.       [21-094](#)                    **THE COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING NAMING ACT OF 2021**

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

*Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire made a motion to table. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Councilor Legg requested the opinion of the Council Attorney.*

**The motion to table failed by voice vote.**

Enactment No: LA-47-21

**The motion to approve carried with Councilors Nofire, Coates and Tehee**

opposed.

Enactment No: LA-47-21

12. [21-097](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF LAND IN TRUST - BALLOU DAY SCHOOL 10 ACRES, CAVE SPRINGS (DRY CREEK) DAY SCHOOL 10 ACRES, MULBERRY HOLLOW DAY SCHOOL 18.72 ACRES, OAK HILL (PINEY) DAY SCHOOL 10 ACRES, OAKS MISSION (ROCKY FORD) DAY SCHOOL 5.0 ACRES AND REDBIRD SMITH DAY SCHOOL 40 ACRES**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee, Rex Jordan and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: R-056-21

13. [21-098](#)

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, COMMEMORATING, AND CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS, AND REAFFIRMING CHEROKEE NATION'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS**

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

**Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Tehee made a friendly amendment to correct the spelling from commemerating to commemorating in the title. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried.**

Enactment No: R-057-21

14. [21-099](#)

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR § 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Ms. Melvina Shotpouch and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: R-058-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Many prayers and condolences were offered to Cherokee citizens who passed over the last month.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:33 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 15th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.