



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Tuesday, October 15, 2024

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl announced the Special Task Force has apprehended their 100th person. He reported on the EMS and paramedic classes. Emergency Management is in constant contact with the East Coast following the hurricanes. Emergency Management and the Marshals have been assisting the Eastern Band with the aftermath of the hurricane. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired as to the number of probation and parole officers on staff.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Mr. Harsha gave updates on staffing, court filings, court cases and cases they are closely watching. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins inquired if there is any movement in the state tax case.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Brooke Neff offered to take any questions back to Ms. Terrapin.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears announced they have all of the information in for re-districting and hope to have maps out soon. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg requested clarification on district changes and if notice would be give automatically. Councilor McGeady inquired about the process of letting voters know the locations of their polling place. Councilor Deere requested clarification on the removal of deceased voters from the list and making sure that a household all votes in the same district. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired if the re-districting will change the district for those voters under twenty-five who got to choose their district. Councilor Smith requested clarification on voting precincts.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swebston

Ms. Swebston gave highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions. Chair Shambaugh commented on being fully staffed at the tag offices. Councilor Callison commented on the quick turn around at the Adair office.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

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

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Neff offered to take any questions. Congratulations was given to Ms. Imhoff on the birth of her baby girl. Councilor Shotpouch inquired if the commissioners meeting would be tomorrow.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks reported the new hire orientation numbers are up. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired about the pay not being listed for open positions on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-101](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING JOHNNY KIDWELL, A MEMBER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion.
Chair Shambaugh stated nominations would now be accepted.
Councilor Deere nominated Councilor Johnny Kidwell, Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion.

Councilor Legg re-nominated Councilor Dora Patzkowski, Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was held with Councilor Kidwell receiving 10 votes, Councilor Patzkowski receiving 3 votes and 4 Councilors abstaining.

The motion to approve carried for Councilor Johnny Kidwell to be the Tribal Council Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls announced an upcoming event.

Councilor Deere wished a happy 101st birthday to a fellow Cherokee citizen.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:20 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Sharon Swepston
Rick Doherty
Brooke Neff*

*Samantha Hendricks
Shannon Buhl
Sheila Bowlin*

*Marcus Fears
Chad Harsha
Ashawna Miles*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Rick Doherty

Teddy Snell

John Young