



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, January 30, 2025

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - 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; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Kevin Easley Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

Marshal Mead gave appreciation for all of the departments who have helped with the acclimation into his new role. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Smith made comment that the Marshal's presence in his area is being noticed and is a good thing. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the emergency management services expansion in Hulbert. Chair Shambaugh inquired if they use the GEOsafe program. He stated he likes the direction and the vision of Marshal Mead.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

AG Harsha gave an update on the criminal case load. He made comment on the criminal code change on the agenda today for consideration. He provided an update on the settlement of the trust case. They filed litigation against district attorneys who are prosecuting tribal citizens in the county courts. He provided a brief overview of the recent opinion from the Solicitors office pertaining to the United Keetoowah Band. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates requested clarification on recent communications received by citizens pertaining to the solicitors opinion. Councilor Legg requested clarification on how the opinion would effect the Lighthorse being able to stop a citizen not on UKB property.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin wasn't available to report. Deputy Secretary of State offered to take questions on her behalf.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears reported voter identification cards were mailed in the beginning of January. He reminded those Councilors who have an election this year of the timeline to update the precincts. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston gave comparisons of this years reporting and last year at the same time. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Tehee inquired if any thought has been given to specialized firefighter license plates.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

Ms. Summer Locust offered to answer questions from the report.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff announced the next board meeting will be next Friday. The National Indian Gaming Commission performed their annual audit for the Tahlequah and Ft. Gibson casinos. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks provided follow-up to Councilor Legg's question by stating the starting pay for vacant positions will be listed within the next month or so. She reported they are providing an interview workshop. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-123](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FAN ROBINSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION
Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion.

Councilors Patzkowski, Tehee, Callison, Shotpouch, Hall, Legg and Poindexter requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

2. [25-001](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTIE HARRIS AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD
Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilors Poindexter and Coates requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Dobbins requested clarification on what the board does. The motion to approve carried.
3. [25-002](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDDIE MORRISON AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM
Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
4. [25-003](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VICTORIA VAZQUEZ AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM
Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Councilors Tehee, Patzkowski, Coates, Callison and Kidwell requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Coates requested At Large applicants be taken seriously for the honor of being a National Treasure. The motion to approve carried.
5. [25-004](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS NOT OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES FROM THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE THROUGH THE CHEROKEE NATION GADUGI EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC AND OTHER SERVICES
Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Councilor Patzkowski requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.
6. [25-005](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Patzkowski requesting to be added as a sponsor.
7. [25-006](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Councilor Patzkowski requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.
8. [25-007](#) 2025 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING, JOBS, AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION OF 2024
Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilors Patzkowski, Shotpouch, Hall, Blackfox-Qualls and Callison requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
9. [25-008](#) CHEROKEE ARTIST RECOVERY ACT - TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Councilors Patzkowski and Callison requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

- 10. [25-009](#) AN ACT AMENDING THE CHEROKEE NATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilor Callison gave some background for this items and gave much appreciation for it coming to fruition. Councilors Patzkowski and Shotpouch requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

- 11. [25-010](#) THE CHEROKEE NATION USA TRUST SETTLEMENT INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilors Callison and Shotpouch requested to be added as sponsors. The mtoion to approve carried.

- 12. [TMP-418](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY

Councilor Smith made a motion to enter into discussion. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Chair Shambaugh stated this policy required an annual review, it was recently amended. He inquired if anyone had discussion or actions pertaining to this policy. None were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:44 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Daniel Mead</i> | <i>Chad Harsha</i> | <i>Christie Harris</i> |
| <i>Canaan Duncan</i> | <i>Marcus Fears</i> | <i>Samantha Hendricks</i> |
| <i>Brooke Neff</i> | <i>Janees Taylor</i> | <i>Audra Imhoff</i> |
| <i>Summer Locust</i> | | |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| <i>John Young</i> | <i>Teddye Snell</i> | <i>Rick Doherty</i> |
| <i>Eddie Morrison</i> | <i>Victoria Vazquez</i> | |