



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, June 19, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 14 - Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; 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

Absent 3 - Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg and Joe Deere

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin commented on the Supreme Courts decision to uphold ICWA in the Brackeen case. He reported on the Wellness center ground breaking, the new Salina Health Care Clinic having a wellness component, the acquisition of Will Rogers Birthplace, and WIC participants now being able to purchase from farmers markets. The Cherokee Nation conducted an election June 3rd where the voter turnout was up by 24%. Chief Hoskin stated he and Deputy Chief Warner are both honored to be able to serve another four year term. He recognized the Executive Directors in attendance for all of their hard work.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner read 2nd Corinthians Chapter 5 Verse 18 and then spoke about reconciliation, Juneteenth and our soldiers. Deputy Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden honored Alan Earl Ward with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported the financials for May are not yet available. He stated they have passed a mile stone of having over 10,000 employees. He gave an update on the storm damage at the Hard Rock and other offices in the Catoosa area. Cherokee Federal has been named Top Contractor for the fifth year. The vehicle charging station at the Anna Mitchell Cultural Center is complete. They are seeking art for the Cherokee Art Show and Sale, the deadline to submit is the 7th of July. He offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Callison moved to amend the agenda to include items 6-10.

Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [23-023](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF MIKE
DOUBLEHEAD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
TAX COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam, Shawn Crittenden, Victoria Vazquez, Joe Deere, E. O. "JR." Smith, Keith Austin, Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

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

Enactment No: R-014-23

2. [23-024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-NOMINATION OF STEVE WILSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION

Sponsors: Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Rex Jordan, Keith Austin, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-015-23

3. [23-025](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LORI ENLOW AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

Sponsors: Mike Dobbins, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski and Rex Jordan

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-016-23

4. [23-026](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF IVAN DEWITT AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

Sponsors: Mike Dobbins, Dora Patzkowski, Melvina Shotpouch, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Rex Jordan

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

Enactment No: R-017-23

5. [23-027](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BILL ANDERSON, D. O. AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

Sponsors: Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski and Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-018-23

6. [23-033](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREEN COUNTRY PARTICIPATING AND ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE SEA RESEARCH FOUNDATION/MYSTIC AQUARIUM

TO SUPPORT STEM MENTORING FUNDED THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (OJJDP)

Sponsors: Danny Callison, Mike Shambaugh, Johnny Kidwell, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Keith Austin, Rex Jordan, Melvina Shotpouch, Joshua Sam and E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Callison moved to table. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. [23-029](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Dora Patzkowski, Rex Jordan, Keith Austin and Victoria Vazquez

A motion was made by Councilor Shawn Crittenden, seconded by Councilor Joshua Sam, that this matter be Approved . The motion carried unaimously by Voice Vote

Enactment No: R-019-23

8. [23-030](#)

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere and Keith Austin

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

Enactment No: R-020-23

9. [23-032](#)

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-13-23

10. [23-031](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - Mod. 9A AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Coates moved to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-14-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several Councilors and Chief Hoskin announced the passing of Citizens over the past month.

Speaker Shambaugh commented on the recent trip to Cherokee, NC for Tri-Council. The Councilors that attended represented the Tribe very well. He commented on the exciting news of the ICWA being upheld. He congratulated Chief and Deputy on another four years.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:35 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on July 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.