



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Monday, December 11, 2023

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Kevin Easley Jr.

**Absent** 2 - Mike Dobbins and Julia Coates

**Late Arrival** 1 - Joshua Sam

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl reported his Wild Life Control team went to Chillocco, for two weekends, at the request of the game warden having issues with non-tribal members hunting on the property. This same team will host an under-privileged youth hunt on December 18th in Sequoyah County. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

*Attorney General Harsha provided an update on pending litigation including Stitt v Treat and Hooper v City of Tulsa. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison requested an update on civil cases through out the reservation.*

*Chair Shambaugh inquired about Governor Stitt's brothers speeding ticket.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms Swepston reported the motor vehicle revenue is up from last year and the revenue and taxation is also up from last year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

*Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks provided an update on the open interview process and the new I.T. system. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Shambaugh commented it is good to see the Human Resources staff at the community meetings.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. [23-065](#) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE COURT ON THE JUDICIARY AS MANDATED UNDER ARTICLE 8 SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION.  
*Councilor Kidwell stated the goal for discussion only has been accomplished.*  
**Councilor Kidwell moved to table to the Rules Meeting in March. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-071](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CECILEY THOMASON MURPHY AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION PHOENIX  
**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [23-072](#) A RESOLUTION RELATED TO POTENTIAL ACTIONS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS  
**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Patzkowski, Callison, Kidwell, Deere and Tehee requesting to be added as sponsors.**
3. [23-073](#) A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 67-21 (DECEMBER 13, 2021) IN SUPPORT OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THE RESPOND, RECOVER AND REBUILD PLAN  
**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Patzkowski, Deere, Tehee,**

**Kidwell, Vazquez and Sam requesting to be added as sponsors.**

- 4. [23-074](#) CHEROKEE NATION GADUGI CORPS VOLUNTEER AND NATIONAL SERVICE ACT OF 2023  
**Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Callison and Tehee requesting to be added as sponsors.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:16 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Shawn Crittenden</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Janice Purcell</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Ceciley Murray</i>
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