



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, December 11, 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. in the Tribal Council offices.

***The meeting was held in the Tribal Council offices due to electronic issues in the Council Chambers. Notification as well as a security officer were posted at the Council Chambers.**

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Deputy Speaker Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin provided an update on the Health Capital plan which now includes cancer care at OU Tulsa and Mercy Ft. Smith. Today an Executive Order was signed for Criminal Justice Reform. Chief reported on the GaDuGi Corp, his attendance at the Tribal Nations Summit, the Economic Trade Summit, and the 40th Annual celebration of TERO. He announced a \$1.4ml grant was awarded for the landfill. The angel tree had over 3,000 angels this year. A celebration was held for the release of the Wilma

P. Mankiller Barbie. Former Cherokee Nation Attorney General, Sara Hill, is on her way to a full Senate confirmation as a Federal District Judge. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas. Lastly he took a moment to honor Cleora Schools in Delaware County for being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief
and
S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden presented Michael Ryan Craig and Cornelius Stephen Long with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave an update on racing in Arkansas. He reported a strong year in financial performance. The 1839 Meat Company has wrapped up their year of operation, they are now USDA and State certified and a SNAP certified retailer. Mr. Garrett reported on the Cherokee Nation Film Studios ribbon cutting and celebration. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Deputy Speaker Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include items passed from committee earlier today. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [23-070](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO DAHLONEGAH SCHOOL, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29
Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter 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 Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

4. [23-074](#) CHEROKEE NATION GADUGI CORPS VOLUNTEER AND NATIONAL SERVICE ACT OF 2023

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilors Easley, Coates, Blackfox-Qualls, Poindexter, Vazquez and Smith requested prayers for Cherokees who have passed over the last month.

Councilor Hall invited everyone this Thursday to her community meeting in Dry Creek.

Councilor Tehee announced a community meeting in Briggs at the Tri-County Community Building on the 19th.

Councilor Poindexter announced a community meeting Friday for Districts 7 and 8.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.