



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, January 27, 2022

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Patzkowski gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Craig offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

Ms. Hill gave an update on the tribal court cases and processes. She gave an update on the State of Oklahoma petition with the Supreme Court in regard to McGirt with one of the questions being asked as to whether or not the state has jurisdiction in Indian Country concurrent with the U.S. with respect to crimes allegedly committed by non-Indians against Indians and secondly should McGirt be overturned. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on where to send law enforcement inquiries. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on Governor Stitt's claim that we didn't purchase enough hunting and fishing licenses through the compact. Secondly he

inquired how many major crimes act have we handled in our courts.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

No questions were asked of Ms. Terrapin.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears reported they were not able to hold their January commission meeting due to COVID. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston provided an update on the Catoosa and Jay locations. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Self-Governance - Ashlee Fox

Ms. Montgomery offered to take questions from the report provided.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on employee background checks and if they included credit checks.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks provided an update on the hiring processes and offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to amend the agenda to add #9 as the reappointment of District Judge Barteaux. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried. Councilors Shambaugh, Vazquez, Jordan, Tehee, Legg, Crittenden, Deere, and Callison requested to be added as sponsors.

1. [22-003](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FAN ROBINSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION.
Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [22-004](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD H. FITE III AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

COMMISSION

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [22-005](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GARY DAN DAVIS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION

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

4. [22-006](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHAUN SHEPHERD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. Following discussion the motion to approve carried with Councilor Nofire opposed. Councilor Smith requested to be added as a sponsor.

5. [22-007](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS CARTER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following questions from Councilor Nofire the motion to approve carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

6. [22-008](#) A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INVESTMENT IN CHEROKEE NATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUNDED UNDER THE RESPOND, RECOVER AND REBUILD PLAN AND OTHER SOURCES; PROVIDING AN ASSESSMENT OF EMS SERVICES ACROSS CHEROKEE NATION'S RESERVATION AND SUPPORTING EMS SERVICES MOST IN NEED AND DONATING SURPLUS EMS VEHICLES TO ADAIR COUNTY

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

7. [22-013](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 27

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

8. [22-009](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 29 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE

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

9. [22-014](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF T. LUKE BARTEAUX AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT

Councilor Legg made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:59 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Remote:

Scot Craig

Brian Hail

Corey Bunch

Chad Harsha

Gwen Terrapin

Janice Randall

Luke Barteau

Janice Purcell

Samantha Hendricks

Taralee Montgomery

Sara Hill

Sharon Swepston

VISITORS PRESENT:

Remote

John Young

Fan Robinson

Chris Carter

Shaun Shepherd