



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Joshua Sam, Chair*

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Thursday, March 27, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Ms. Molly Jarvis reported they continue to see the softening of gaming globally. She provided federal contract updates along with other financials. She announced Mr. Garrett is in Arkansas court today for our gaming license. She provided the current work force numbers including a 66.1% Cherokee employment. They have donated \$100k to the Tulsa United Way. Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People is in its fifteen year. She announced the new exhibit at the Anna Mitchell Cultural Center. Ms. Jarvis gave an update on the 1839 Meat Company and the possibility of extended hours. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor



*Ms. Taylor gave an update on the audit due to the Council by the last day of March. She stated due to the current economy and the Presidential changes they are being very cautious with their grant spending. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the report. She announced the Summer Youth applications would be online within the next couple of days. She provided an update on the upcoming Summer Youth Leadership program. They are still submitting for grant opportunities. She provided an update on Vocational Training. She offered to answer question from the report.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Brooke Neff offered to take any questions for Ms. Knight as she was running late.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

*No questions or concerns were voiced.*

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-045](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
**Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**



2.     [25-048](#)     A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BRENT RURAL FIRE DISTRICT INC.  
  
          **Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
3.     [25-049](#)     A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO SOUTHERN CHEROKEE HELPERS  
  
          **Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
4.     [25-046](#)     AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #33-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
  
          **Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
5.     [25-047](#)     AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 7 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
  
          **Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilors Deere and Poindexter requested prayers for Cherokee citizens who have recently passed.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:17 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley  
Anna Knight*

*Brooke Neff  
Jon Overacker*

*Janees Taylor*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis*

*John Young*

*Teddye Snell*