



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, June 24, 2021

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Shaw and Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Mary Baker Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the regular session and special session as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Captain Craig offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd inquired if we have a cross deputization with all counties within our jurisdiction to date. Councilor Shaw inquired if our officers were involved in a shooting in Tulsa. She inquired about the Marshals shooting requirements. Councilor Patzkowski inquired about the locations of the storm safe rooms referred to in the emergency management report.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

A.G. Hill reported on some election issues including an update on the election fraud

case and the case filed by Robin Mayes. She gave an update on tribal cases and processes. We have two juvenile detention contracts set up now and are seeking to get a Group-E facility. Our juvenile Justice system has been working with departments within the Cherokee Nation in regard to truancy, tobacco and other issues. They have been pushing out the MOA to municipalities. They have several new employees within the Attorney General department. She gave an update on the appellate court cases. The UKB vs. Barteau case has been dismissed and settled. She offered to answer questions from the report given. Councilor Legg inquired about the implementation of a drug court. Councilor Dobbins requested further clarification on the election infraction. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on a FOIA request. Councilor Deere inquired if there is any progress with the City of Tulsa. He also inquired if the election infraction would have any effect on the election itself. Councilor Coates requested clarification on drug courts and the cultural aspect. She commented on the need for consistency in the application of the policies for the At Large communities.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported they have thirteen FOIA requests at this time with one of them outstanding. There aren't any GRA requests and the website has been updated. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the extension requests on FOIA.

Chair Byrd commented on our Council policy we don't allow the use of tribal funds or have community meetings during an election. Following additional discussion Councilor Coates called Point of Order as we are in the reports section on the agenda and policies isn't part of this agenda.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. She pointed out the motor vehicle tax through April year to date shows an approximate twenty-seven percent increase. She reported retail sales is coming back but is about half of what it would have been normally. Councilor Taylor inquired about the status of the Catoosa tag office. She commented on the inconsistency at an area tag office in regard to the mask ordinance.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced tomorrow the commission meeting will be held at the Hard Rock. Chair Byrd inquired about the OIGA conference.

Human Resources - Alana Casteel

Ms. Casteel offered to answer question from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the reaction of new hires with the vaccination requirement. Councilor Nofire inquired if there is an employee who patrols social media of our employees. Councilor Coates suggested adding a socially conscious functions option to 401K options. Councilor Legg inquired if the process from date of application to hire changed any. He inquired if the same background company is the same as CNE.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [21-059](#) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MEMORIAL HONORING THE CHEROKEE SPEAKERS LOST TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Councilors requesting to be added as sponsors.

- 2. [21-060](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO JURISDICTION, VENUE, CHOICE OF LAW, AND LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT IN CONNECTION WITH JAIL AGREEMENTS
Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve the revised version provided adding municipal jails. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilor Deere requested to see the MOU. Councilor Nofire requested to see the contract prior to voting on in Council. Councilor Buzzard inquired if this goes across state lines. The motion to approve carried.

- 3. [21-062](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY ENCOURAGING appropriate TRIBAL CONSULTATION and representation IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROGRAM
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. All Councilors with the exception of Councilor Coates requested to be sponsors. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Legg moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:09 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Scot Craig</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Janice Purcell</i>	<i>Alana Casteel</i>	<i>Nick Hammons</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
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