



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Keith Austin, Chair*

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Monday, November 15, 2021

4:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Co Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Austin and Vazquez attended remotely.*

**Present** 14 - Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith and Victoria Vazquez

**Late Arrival** 3 - Rex Jordan; Melvina Shotpouch and Mike Shambaugh

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve the October minutes as submitted. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Ms. Montgomery announced Mr. Garrett would be available remotely for the Council meeting at 5:00 today.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Ms. Taylor provided updates on questions from the Council in the October meeting which included the online survey and the number of individual assistance payments made. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired about the three tier structure of the ARPA premium pay to the employees.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Mr. Highers offered to answer questions from the report provided by Ms. Knight.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley announced a company from Joplin will open in Sallisaw at the old Stage location and they are also considering a Muskogee location. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the name of the company.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*No questions were asked of the consent items.*

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. [21-115](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Kidwell made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Shambaugh announced the Council meeting would start at 5:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:48 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*  
*Janees Taylor*  
*Diane Kelley*

*Camerin Fite James*  
*Tina Glory Jordan*  
*Jody Reece*

*Corey Bunch*  
*Stephen Highers*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Teddy Snell*