



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, October 16, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 15 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Absent** 2 - Joshua Sam and E. O. "JR." Smith

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin began his State of the Nation by speaking about the Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration. He spoke of the Speakers celebration at the Language Center. The AT&T Connect Center is now at the J. W. Sam building in Catoosa. Chief Hoskin announced he has signed an Executive Order giving preference in hiring to those who have been in the Career Readiness Program or have been a scholarship participant. The Veteran Administration will be expanding clinical services in a partnership with the Vinita Clinic. He provided an update on the Artist Recovery Act and the Cherokee Art Market. Tomorrow a celebration will be held at the Head Start Center. Inter-Tribal Council will meet this week at Hard Rock. At Large meeting will be held in California this weekend.*

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

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

*Chief of Staff Bunch and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden presented Grover Cleveland Parnell, Ralph Dell Higgenbotham, Jackie Scott Grass and Jackie Dale Grass with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.*

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported they have wrapped up the fiscal year 2023 and the financials exceeded expectations. They are experiencing record federal contracts. He provided an update on gaming in Arkansas. Mr. Garrett highlighted some awards received by Cherokee Federal and the Anna Mitchell Welcome Center. The 12th production of Nanyehi and the 18th Annual Art Market will be at Hard Rock. The John Ross Museum is closed for renovation and repairs. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

- 1. [23-057](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE SALLISAW YOUTH LEAGUE**

**Sponsors:** Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-035-23

2. [23-058](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES  
TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Johnny Kidwell, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh and  
Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the  
motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-036-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Several Councilor requested prayers for those who have passed over the past month.*

*Councilor Easley announced a community meeting on the 19th in Chlesea.*

*Councilor Blackfox-Qualls announced Grandview, Hulbert, and Norwood would be  
having fall festivals.*

*Speaker Shambaugh recognized Treasurer Janees Taylor and Council Attorney John  
Young in attendance.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Poindexter moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the  
motion. The motion carried at 6:35 p.m.**

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