



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 26, 2023

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - Danny Callison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl reported they now have fifty Marshals, with many more needed to hire. They will be opening offices in Pryor and Stilwell and soon in Sequoyah County. Councilor Vazquez inquired if there is a plan to open an office further north. Councilor Deere inquired if they plan to utilize the JW Sam building in Catoosa. Councilor Callison requested clarification on how the area offices would work and what number to call if an emergency. Councilor Legg requested clarification on the hiring process and training. Chair Shambaugh commented on the large area to patrol and gave appreciation for the additional marshals.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

Ms. Hill gave an update on the 2022 numbers as well as the Brackeen, Hooper and Strobble cases. She announced they would be hosting the Oklahoma Bar Association's mock trials on Monday. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired about public defenders.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported for 2022 there were a total of thirty-six FOIA requests with five of those outstanding. There are three FOIA requests for 2023 to date and all of those are outstanding. The website has been updated. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears announced the filing period for elected officials is February 6th through the 9th for the 2023 election cycle. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston reported on the revenue and taxation. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Shambaugh inquired about the staffing at the Jay office and the total number of vacancies for all tag agencies.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

Ms. Miles offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell reported on the licensing approval justification. She announced the next board meeting is on the 10th of February at the Chota Center. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks announced they have released the option to text to apply for jobs. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Tehee gave appreciation for the information provided in the meeting earlier today. She expressed the need for a question and answer session soon. Councilor Kidwell inquired if the new positions or re-directed positions in the budget modifications go through Human Resources.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-001](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUND ACT - 2023 PUBLIC HEALTH LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AMENDMENTS

Chief Hoskin gave an overview of the plans for the settlement funds. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Legg inquired about hiring a convicted felon as a drug counselor. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the programs just apply to the beneficiaries. Councilor Austin inquired about a plan for mental health. Councilor Coates inquired about non drug related treatments. Chair Shambaugh inquired as to the number of beds at the facility. Councilor Nofire inquired if any of the beds would be set aside for adolescents.

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

2. [23-002](#)

AN ACT AMENDING CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 10, SECTION 5(A)-(C) - GRANDPARENTAL VISITATION RIGHTS

Councilor Tehee moved to table to the February Rules Committee. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Legg moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:03 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Marcus Fears</i>	<i>Sharon Swebston</i>
<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Ashawna Miles</i>
<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Janice Randall</i>
<i>Julie Skinner</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Rick Doherty</i>
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