



# 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*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch;  
E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Joshua Sam; Sasha  
Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora  
Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates  
**Absent** 2 - Mike Dobbins and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett provided an update on Cherokee Federal, the Casinos and gaming in Arkansas. He provided an update on their workforce and the Cherokee and other Native percentage. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Treasurer Taylor congratulated Councilor Deere on his NCAI position appointment. She announced they were notified last week they had won a certificate of excellence for their financial reporting. She reported she was re-elected to the Tribal Interior Budget Counsel. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley went over the Senior Directors of the programs within her departments and commented these are the point of contacts if she is unreachable. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

*Mr. Reece added additional roads projects.*

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. [23-075](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Co Chair Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [23-076](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 22-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Sam announce he and Councilor Poindexter's upcoming community meeting.*

*Councilor Callison announced he and Councilor Shotpouch will have a community meeting this Thursday.*

*Councilor Hall announced a community meeting this Thursday at Dry Creek*

*Councilor Tehee announced a community meeting in Briggs on the 19th.*

*Chair Sam reminded everyone of the Council Christmas Social today where we feed all of the employees.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Poindexter moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:25 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Samantha Hendricks  
Anna Knight  
Sandy Long*

*Corey Bunch  
Diane Kelley  
Bryan Warner*

*Janees Taylor  
Jody Reece*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*

*John Young*

*Chuck Garrett*