



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joshua Sam, Chair

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Monday, July 14, 2025

4:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Callison gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - 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.; Julia Coates and Kendra
McGeady

Absent 1 - Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve as submitted. **Councilor Legg**
seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett stated due to the timing of this meeting the June numbers won't be available until the end of this week. He commented on a large number of State employees being laid off this week which in return affects our Federal contracting. He stated they are getting several stop work notices on the Federal contracting side. He provided an update on the federal and gaming financials. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Kidwell requested clarification on the C-Fed financials. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification on the Federal contracting stop work orders.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

The Tribal Council sang Happy Birthday to Treasurer Taylor. Ms. Taylor reported on the close out of the Fiscal Year 2024. She announced the BKD Auditors are here today. Cherokee Nation Controller, Jamie Cole commented on the 2024 year end comprehensive and single audits and introduced Auditors Joel Hauser and Jake McClendon. Mr. Hauser spoke about their audit process, no findings and the clean audit. Treasurer Taylor stated they look forward to audit season. They offered to answer questions from the report or the audit.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Mr. Hunter Palmer reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. He announced the Stilwell office has been temporarily relocated due to flooding. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

No questions or concerns were voiced about 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. [25-074](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 11A

AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.

2. [25-076](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO PEAVINE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:51 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Janees Taylor
Anna Knight*

*Jamie Cole
Jody Reece*

Hunter Palmer

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young
Joel Hauser*

*Teddye Snell
Jake McClendon*

Chuck Garrett