



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, July 10, 2023

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m,

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mike Shambaugh

Absent 2 - Joe Deere and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl reported they escorted an elder bike rider to St. Louis where he will then travel on to the Elder Olympics. He provided an update on the Texas inmates. He announced three officers will be graduating from training in New Mexico soon. Marshal Buhl offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

Ms. Hill gave an overview of the Hooper case decision. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired if the inmates in Texas get good behavior rewards or if they are able to get a GED. Councilor Dobbins requested clarification on the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court referred to in the report. Councilor Coates requested further clarification on fines received in the City of Tulsa,

and the Curtis Act. She also inquired if the Texas inmates are kept together. Councilor Callison inquired if they work with the Thunderbird Academy. He requested a corrections section be added to the report. Councilor Patzkowski inquired if the United Keetoowah Band have a Federal Commission.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there are 20 FOIA requests with 6 of those outstanding at this time. There aren't any GRA requests at this time. Councilor Coates inquired if the GRA form is on the website.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Jordan inquired about the 92 ballots in question from a notary issue. Councilor Tehee requested clarification on the issue with the notary. She inquired about the process for determining if a notary commission is valid. Councilor Tehee requested clarification on the recording of absentee ballots and if who drops them off is recorded. Chair Shambaugh requested, following the Election Commissions meeting today pertaining to the ballots in question, the information be provided to the Council. He suggested a check list on the absentee ballot to make sure all steps are complete. Councilor Austin inquired if a disputed ballot is the same as a challenged ballot. Councilor Nofire commented the secrecy envelope isn't so secret. He inquired if the Election Commission follows the Oklahoma Notary regulations. Councilor Tehee inquired if it is determined the 92 ballots aren't any good what are the consequences to the notary.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

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

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

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

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks gave an update on the open interviews, and trainings. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Kidwell requested clarification on the hiring percentage referred to in the report.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell announced the August Commissioners meeting will be held in Tahlequah not Catoosa. She offered to answer questions from the report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-035](#) PRINCIPAL CHIEF WILMA P. MANKILLER CAPITOL PARK ACT - 2023 AMENDMENTS
Councilor Austin moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:09 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Marcus Fears</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>
<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Janice Purcell</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Ashawna Miles</i>	<i>Nick Hammons</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Rick Doherty</i>
<i>Brandon Scott</i>		