



# 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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Thursday, April 25, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Victoria Vazquez; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Mike Shambaugh

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve as submitted. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett provided an update on the financials, our gaming license in Arkansas, our employee statistics and risks. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Controller Jamie Cole reported in the absence of Ms. Taylor. He gave an update on audit season, the popular annual report and announced they are beginning the budget process for FY2025. He encouraged the Council to share the surplus inventory list with organizations within their area. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley gave the Council notepads created by the Business Tech Class. She provided an update on the Employment and Training Programs, summer programs, and construction progress. She offered to answer questions from the report. Ms. Kelly announced she was notified this week that the Call Center has been nominated for an award.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported tax season has wrapped up and they were able to assist more than last year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*No issues or concerns were voiced.*

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. [24-034](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [24-035](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES

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

3. [24-036](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES

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

4. [24-037](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES

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

5. [24-038](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CAVE SPRINGS SCHOOL

**Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Poindexter requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.**

6. [24-039](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion and requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.**

7. [24-040](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO ZOE INSTITUTE

**Councilor Poindexter made a motion to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

8. [24-041](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

**Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

9. [24-042](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO GRACE POINT OUTREACH CENTER

**Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

10. [24-043](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN'S LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

11. [24-044](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - MOD. 7 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:25 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*  
*Brooke Neff*

*Jamie Cole*  
*Anna Knight*

*Austin Patton*  
*Diane Kelley*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Teddye Snell*

*Chuck Garrett*