



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Johnny Jack Kidwell, Chair
Kevin Easley, Jr., Co-Chair*

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Thursday, April 30, 2026

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Easley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Callison gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Absent 1 - Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

Marshal Trammel offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired about GED's and truck driving simulators for the citizens who are incarcerated. Councilor Callison gave appreciation for the work of the Marshals. Chair Easley commented on time served in the Cherokee Nation versus the State. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the timeline for the ambulance bays in Hulbert. Councilor Hall commented on the recent life saving measure by a Marshal. She gave appreciation for the patrols.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Ms. Paiten Qualls offered to answer questions from the report.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls commented on not receiving the report.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears offered to answer questions from the report.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Neff offered to take questions back for Ms. Swepston.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

Ms. Miles offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired as to how many programs in the Cherokee Nation get 102-477 funds.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff announced the next board meeting date and upcoming events. She offered to answer any questions.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks introduced an intern who is now an employee with Realty. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired if they offer a EAP program.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

- A. [26-036](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO MARBLE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- B. [26-037](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. [26-038](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION TO TRANSFER TITLE OF THREE BUILDINGS WITHIN THE SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS CAMPUS FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEMOLITION PURSUANT TO THE SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS \$65 MILLION CAPITAL PLAN

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilors Callison and Deere requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

D. [26-039](#) CHEROKEE NATION ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY ACT OF 2026

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls provided an update, from the recent competitions, on the Locust Grove Archery teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Grass seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:21 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tyler Trammel</i>	<i>Marcus Fears</i>	<i>Audra Imhoff</i>
<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Brooklyn Neff</i>	<i>Paiten Qualls</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Ashawna Miles</i>	<i>Christina Justice</i>
<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Shella Bowlin</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young *Rick Doherty*