



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, April 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

Absent 1 - Joshua Sam

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Secretary Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced it is the 4th anniversary of the Mankiller Soap Water Act. A biennial report was given to the Council in committee earlier today as required by the Act. He spoke of the great deal of good the law has done over the years including waterline repairs, leverage for over \$6ml in grants, and much needed assistance to the Cherry Tree Water District. Mr. Charlie Soap will be in attendance later this evening to discuss further the impact if the Council would allow later in the agenda. Chief Hoskin reported on the Public School Appreciation Day, the Economic Impact Funding Report to the people, State Legislative Day at the Capitol, and the busy At Large meeting schedule. He took a moment to recognize the Kenwood State Champion Girls Basketball Team and the 2025 Remember the Removal Bike Riders. Each group was

asked to introduce themselves. Speaker Shambaugh commented the Chief represented the Cherokee Nation very well in front of both the House and Senate on Legislative Day.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief
and
S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Secretary of State Duncan assisted Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden in presenting Veteran Leroy Smith with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett commented on CNB proudly providing resources to the Remember the Removal Riders. He announced the Medal of Patriotism recipient tonight is a long time CNB employee. During the Economic Impact Luncheon, held at Hard Rock, it was reported CNB provided a \$3.14b annual impact to the Cherokee Nation. Mr. Garrett gave a brief overview of the financials stating they are facing headwinds. Cultural Tourism is hosting a Lunch and Learn here in Tahlequah. Will Rogers Home Place is temporarily closed for renovations.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Speaker Shambaugh gave the floor back to Chief Hoskin to allow Charlie Soap to speak about the impact he has witnessed from the Mankiller Soap Water Act.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Dobbins left the meeting prior to voting on the business items.

Rules Committee

1. [25-028](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF CLIFTON PETTIT AS
A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF TSUNADELOQUASDI CHEROKEE
IMMERSION SCHOOL BOARD**

 Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Melvina
 Shotpouch, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Danny Callison, Julia
 Coates, Mike Dobbins, Kevin Easley, Lisa Hall, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl
 Legg, Kendra McGeady, Dora Patzkowski, Joshua Sam and E. O.
 "JR." Smith

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

 Enactment No: R-022-25

2. [25-029](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERTA GIBSON
AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

 Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Codey
 Poindexter, Joe Deere and Lisa Hall

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

 Enactment No: R-023-25

3. [25-030](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MERRELL
AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST
AUTHORITY**

 Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere and Lisa Hall

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

 Enactment No: R-024-25

4. [25-031](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GABE
MOSETELLER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TRUST AUTHORITY**

 Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Mike Dobbins, Joe Deere and Lisa Hall

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

 Enactment No: R-025-25

5. [25-032](#)**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHNNIE EARP AS
A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Melvina Shotpouch, Joe Deere, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Danny Callison, Julia Coates, Mike Dobbins, Kevin Easley, Lisa Hall, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl Legg, Kendra McGeady, Dora Patzkowski, Codey Poindexter, Joshua Sam, E. O. "JR." Smith and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: R-026-25

6. [25-033](#)**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANA STITES
ELROD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH
SERVICES, INC.**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere and Lisa Hall

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

Enactment No: R-027-25

7. [25-034](#)**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FREDDIE FERRELL
AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES,
INC.**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Melvina Shotpouch, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall and Danny Callison

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

Enactment No: R-028-25

8. [25-035](#)**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHY ADAIR AS A
BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall and Daryl Legg

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

Enactment No: R-029-25

9. [25-036](#)**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RON AMOS AS A
COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE CHEROKEE
NATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Kevin Easley and Danny Callison

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to approve. Secretary Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-030-25

10. [25-037](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY YATES
AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE
NATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Lisa Hall, Codey Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Mike Dobbins, Joe Deere, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Danny Callison

**Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-031-25

11. [25-038](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CANDLE MELTON
AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE
CHEROKEE NATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Codey Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Mike Dobbins, Joe Deere, Kendra McGeady, Lisa Hall, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Danny Callison

Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-032-25

12. [25-039](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANNA MAYFIELD
AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE
CHEROKEE NATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Codey Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Mike Dobbins, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall and Danny Callison

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

Enactment No: R-033-25

13. [25-040](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES SIMMONS
AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE
CHEROKEE NATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Lisa Hall, Codey Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Mike Dobbins, Joe Deere, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Danny Callison

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-034-25

14. [25-041](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF FARRELL PRATER AS A
BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Codey Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Johnny Kidwell, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall, Danny Callison, Dora

Patzkowski, Kevin Easley and Kendra McGeady

Secretary Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-035-25

15. [25-042](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Codey Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Johnny Kidwell, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere and Lisa Hall

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-036-25

16. [25-043](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS GOODWIN AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Melvina Shotpouch, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall, Kevin Easley, Danny Callison and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-037-25

17. [25-044](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NATHAN BARNARD AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Johnny Kidwell, Candessa Tehee, Melvina Shotpouch, Codey Poindexter, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere, Lisa Hall and Kevin Easley

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-038-25

Executive and Finance Committee

18. [25-045](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-039-25

19. [25-048](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BRENT RURAL FIRE DISTRICT INC.

Sponsors: Daryl Legg

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-040-25

20. [25-049](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO SOUTHERN CHEROKEE HELPERS

Sponsors: Mike Dobbins

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-041-25

21. [25-046](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #33-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-11-25

22. [25-047](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 7 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: LA-12-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates announced the At Large meetings will be in California this weekend.

Councilor Callison announced Thursday afternoon Rogers State University will have Cherokee Day.

Multiple Council Members requested remembrance for Cherokees who have passed from this life over the past month.

Speaker Shambaugh announced a fundraiser in Oakhill Piney on the 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:02 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on May 12th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.