



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, May 13, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 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; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Mike Dobbins

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin reported we are in the midst of car tag negotiations with the State. Our rural firefighters were recently honored for their hard work and dedication. The Public Safety Partners Program has been launched. Chief Hoskin reported on construction at the W.W. Keeler Complex including the deconstruction of the old motel and restaurant to make way for a new building to house our workforce. A ground breaking ceremony was held for the Public Safety building which will house our emergency management group. Ten new ambulances are scheduled to arrive this fall. Chief Hoskin reported on the STEM partnership with Rogers State University which will include ten scholarships for nursing students. He recently traveled to D.C. to advocate for the reopening of the joint venture program and to advocate funding challenges under McGirt. An awards banquet was held for Teachers of the Year within our*

*reservation. An exhibit honoring Freedman was opened at the Marshal's Museum in Ft. Smith. May 5th is MMIW recognition day. He spoke of the Carlile Indian Boarding School where Jim Thorpe attended. He recognized and congratulated the Sequoyah High School Women's Golf Team as Class 3A State Champions.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden and Chief of Staff Bunch presented Cherokee Veterans Henry Carey Jr, and Frank Alexander Wright with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported on the financials at the mid way point of the fiscal year. He gave an update on gaming in Arkansas. McGill's on 19 is undergoing a re-branding and will reopen next Tuesday as Carvers.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Health Committee

1. [24-027](#) **AN ACT REPEALING CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 301-304 OF TITLE 63 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**  
**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh and Mike Dobbins  
**Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**  
Enactment No: LA-14-24

##### Rules Committee

2. [24-032](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION AND THE CHEROKEE NATION**
- Sponsors:**      Victoria Vazquez
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-021-24
3. [23-065](#)      **AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE COURT ON THE JUDICIARY AS MANDATED UNDER ARTICLE 8 SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**
- Sponsors:**      Johnny Kidwell, Mike Shambaugh, Kevin Easley, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Danny Callison, Joe Deere, Melvina Shotpouch and Julia Coates
- Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: LA-15-24

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [24-034](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES**
- Sponsors:**      Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski
- Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-022-24
5. [24-035](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES**
- Sponsors:**      Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski
- Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-023-24
6. [24-036](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES**
- Sponsors:**      Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski
- Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The

motion carried.

Enactment No: R-024-24

7. [24-037](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE  
ITEMS TO CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: R-025-24

8. [24-038](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION  
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CAVE SPRINGS  
SCHOOL**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam and Codey Poindexter

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

Enactment No: R-026-24

9. [24-039](#)

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

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam and Codey Poindexter

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

Enactment No: R-027-24

10. [24-040](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION  
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO ZOE INSTITUTE**

**Sponsors:** Codey Poindexter

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

Enactment No: R-028-24

11. [24-041](#)

**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 Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-029-24

12. [24-042](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION  
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO GRACE POINT  
OUTREACH CENTER**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Codey Poindexter, Candessa  
Tehee and Lisa Hall

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

Enactment No: R-030-24

13. [24-043](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION  
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN'S LAKE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sponsors:** Johnny Kidwell

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

Enactment No: R-031-24

14. [24-044](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING  
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2024 - MOD. 7 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Kevin Easley, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and  
Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-16-24

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Several Councilor requested prayers for Cherokees who has passed over the last  
month.*

*Councilor Deere announced Special Olympics State is this week in Stillwater.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the  
motion. The motion carried at 6:33 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal  
headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.

