



# 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, March 11, 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

Gayle Miller, Legislative Aide

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

**Absent** 1 - Joe Deere

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin reported on the ratification of the Tobacco Compact, the status of the Tag Compact, the launch of the new Intern Program, the summer EBT Program, the Artist Recovery Act, connectivity in communities, solar lights in the streets of Nowata, and upcoming At Large meetings in Kansas this weekend.*

### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden and Deputy Secretary of State Duncan presented Charles Nelson Hutson and Kenneth Wayne McClendon with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Monthly Reports:

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

*Ms. Molly Jarvis reported on the cultural and economic development unit, the Cherokee History Courses, Racing at Will Rogers Downs, and the World Series of Poker at the Hard Rock. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### Rules Committee

1. [24-010](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF VRYL KEETER AS AN ADVISORY MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez, Joe Deere, Julia Coates, Mike Shambaugh, E. O. "JR." Smith, Candessa Tehee and Codey Poindexter

**Deputy Speaker Vazquez moved to approve. Secretary Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-005-24

2. [24-011](#)

**VERNA D. THOMPSON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ACT OF 2021; 2024 AMENDMENTS**

**Sponsors:** Candessa Tehee, Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joshua Sam, Danny Callison, Joe Deere, Dora Patzkowski, Johnny Kidwell and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: LA-08-24

3. [24-012](#)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING TITLE 73 CHAPTER 2 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Johnny Kidwell, Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Joe Deere, Candessa Tehee and Julia Coates

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

Enactment No: LA-09-24

4. [24-013](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION ON A CONSTITUTION CONVENTION AND SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Johnny Kidwell, Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Joe Deere, Candessa Tehee and Julia Coates

**Deputy Speaker Vazquez presented a revised version for approval. Councilor Callison moved to approve the revised version. Deputy Speaker Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-006-24

5. [24-023](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 68, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 71 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: LA-10-24

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [24-014](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO TAHLEQUAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Sponsors:** Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere, Codey Poindexter, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Lisa Hall and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: R-007-24

7. [24-015](#)

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

**SCHOOL**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Joe Deere, Codey Poindexter, Mike Shambaugh and Dora Patzkowski

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

**Yea:** 15 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Abstain:** 1 - Lisa Hall

Enactment No: R-008-24

8. [24-016](#)

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

**Sponsors:** Johnny Kidwell, Victoria Vazquez, Daryl Legg, Candessa Tehee and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-009-24

9. [24-019](#)

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter, Lisa Hall, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Melvina Shotpouch

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

Enactment No: R-010-24

10. [24-022](#)

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

**Sponsors:** Candessa Tehee, Joshua Sam, Kevin Easley, Lisa Hall and Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

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

Enactment No: R-011-24

11. [24-017](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-23 AUTHORIZING  
THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024  
- MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Patzkowski and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: LA-11-24

12. [24-018](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING  
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2024 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

Enactment No: LA-12-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Several Councilor requested the remembrance in prayer of Cherokees who have passed over the last month.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:31 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.