



# 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 13, 2023

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** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

#### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin reported on the Historic Preservation Fund. He announced a Families are Sacred Summit April 18 through the 20 at the Hard Rock. The 1839 Meat Company is now accepting SNAP and offering a 10% discount to Cherokee Nation citizens. The Master Language Apprentice Program had thirty graduates this year. A groundbreaking was held here in Tahlequah for a new housing addition. Chief also reported on the Health Resources Advisory Council, our Finance Department receiving a certificate of excellence and the CNB Board received another clean financial audit. He commented on At Large events. He welcomed the new 2023 Youth Council and requested they introduce themselves.*

## CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Deputy Warner and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Crittenden honored Dru Ella Welch Pratt, Blade Bryan Allen Girdner, and Ronald L. Smith II all 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 Silicone Valley Bank affect on CNB. He announced the acquisition of a cyber security business. The Cherokee Nation Tourism team began work on the Cherokee Nation Capitol Square.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Deputy Speaker Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to add items 7 though 13 to new business. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Rules Committee

1. [23-005](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF COLTON MONTGOMERY AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan, Joshua Sam, Shawn Crittenden, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Keith Austin, Johnny Kidwell, Mike Dobbins, Danny Callison and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: R-004-23

2. [23-007](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Sponsors:**      Keith Austin, Melvina Shotpouch, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Julia Coates, Rex Jordan and Candessa Tehee

**Councilor Coates moved to approve. Deputy Speaker Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-005-23

3. [23-008](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO INDIAN CAPITAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

**Sponsors:**      Candessa Tehee, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski and Rex Jordan

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

Enactment No: R-006-23

4. [23-009](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FBO: BACONE COLLEGE**

**Sponsors:**      Dora Patzkowski, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Rex Jordan and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-007-23

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [23-010](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:**      Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-05-23

6. [23-011](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR**

**2023 - MOD. 5A AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-06-23

7. [23-014](#)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHEROKEE NATION HISTORIC PLACES PRESERVATION FUND**

**Sponsors:** Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Rex Jordan and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: LA-07-23

8. [23-012](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Rex Jordan and E. O. "JR." Smith

**Deputy Speaker Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-008-23

9. [23-015](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BOWLIN SPRING COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Sponsors:** Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh and Danny Callison

**Councilor Callison moved to approve. Deputy Speaker Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-009-23

10. [23-016](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO NORTH TULSA CHEROKEE COMMUNITY GROUP**

**Sponsors:** Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Rex Jordan and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-010-23

11. [23-017](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF CREDIT (LOC) FOR THE COLLATERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRIBAL CONTROLLED INSURANCE PROGRAM (TCIP) ON THE NEW HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Victoria Vazquez, Rex Jordan and Keith Austin

**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Deputy Speaker Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-011-23

12. [23-018](#)

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-08-23

13. [23-019](#)

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-09-23

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Secretary Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:48 p.m.**

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