



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, March 14, 2022

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Austin attended remotely.

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl reported on the funeral of Dave Roberts a former Marshal. He also requested prayers for an employee in the hospital with COVID. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Dobbins inquired about law enforcement at the casinos. Councilor Legg requested patrol in the Belfonte area.

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

General Hill provided an update on tribal court and gave a year in review report. The Hogner case was decided March 11th of last year, the yearly report is available on the Attorney General's website. She reported on the jury term held in February. An update was given in the Supreme Court cases currently of interest. General Hill also reported on the VAWA22 Reauthorization. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired about the reimbursement funding of \$62ml for McGirt. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the ICW case in the Supreme Court. Councilor Smith requested clarification on the process for municipalities that have not entered in the agreement. Councilor Deere inquired about Attorney John Parris being jailed. Councilor Tehee requested the link for the year in review report referred to. Chair Shambaugh inquired about the process for municipal court tickets. He inquired about the Generals overall assessment of the past year.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

General Hill offered to answer questions from the report provided by Ms. Terrapin.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston provided an update on the Jay office. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Deere requested clarification on our Cherokee Nation tags not being tracked by the state and the Oklahoma Pike pass. He also inquired about signs for the Catoosa tag agency.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks announced there are two orientations scheduled today for new employees. They are working on the ability to text to apply for a job. She provided an update on the learning management system and the recent online domestic violence training.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution pertaining to grant applications. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [22-016](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARIA ELIZABETH BALLEW AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [22-017](#) A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 1265 THE "FOURTH AMENDMENT IS NOT FOR SALE" ACT
Councilor Nofire moved to table. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [22-018](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 18, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, EXPANDING THE ACCESS FOR CHEROKEE NATION CITIZENS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES HEARING AID PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. Dr. Jones provided some clarification as to why only one hearing aid was originally given. Following additional discussion the motion to approve carried.
4. [22-019](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 24-20 SETTING A FINAL DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY PERSONAL DELIVERY TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Councilors Coates and Nofire requested to be added as sponsors. Following very lengthy debate the motion to approve failed with the following roll call vote:
Yea: 8 - Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez
Nay: 9 - Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Joe Deere; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and E. O. "JR." Smith
5. [TMP-399](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION SPORTS TEAMS FUNDING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES
Councilor Smith made a motion to enter discussion. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Lengthy discussion was held with several suggestions made. A work group was created with the lead being Councilor Smith. Councilors Smith, Tehee, Shambaugh, Callison, Deere, Sam, Crittenden and Jordan as members.
6. [TMP-400](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION FUNDING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Councilor Jordan made a motion to enter discussion. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Following some discussion it was suggested the

livestock funding be included in the sports team work group.

7. [22-022](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT CERTAIN GRANT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTE CERTAIN GRANT AWARDS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez made comments regarding missed opportunities when having to wait through the committee process. Ms. Anna Knight provided some background of the issues that has arose and the short timeline. Following additional discussion the motion to approve carried with Councilors Nofire and Tehee opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Deere provided clarification on the Ukraine flag hanging at his desk.

Chair Shambaugh commented on the great discussion held today.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:27 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>Janice Purcell</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>		

<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Marcus Fears</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	
<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Adam McCreary</i>	<i>Dana Geib</i>	<i>Chuck Garrett</i>