



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Keith Austin, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, February 23, 2023

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

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

**Absent** 1 - Melvina Shotpouch

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett gave an update on the January financials. He reported on the process of taking over the Gold Strike Hotel and Casino in Tunica. He announced they now have a sixty-five percent Cherokee workforce.*

*He invited Molly Jarvis and Adrian Sinclair to provide an update on the 1839 Meat Company. Chair Austin inquired as to the source of the meat we currently sell. Councilor Legg requested clarification on the discounts, inquired when they would start processing deer and/or wild hog, the process for a farmer who want to bring in cattle, and the capacity of the facility. Councilor Vazquez inquired as to the length of time to*

*process and if they will be advertising for the retail sales. Councilor Nofire inquired about potential for growth at the facility. Councilor Smith inquired as to the number of animals that could hang at one time. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about processing bison. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the possibility of other stores and requested clarification on the pricing. Councilor Smith inquired about the hide and heads of the bison.*

*Mr. Garrett offered to answer questions from his report. Councilor Deere inquired if the employees who have been away from their families to transition the Gold Strike would receive additional compensation or a show of appreciation. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the 1839 Meat Co. merchandise would be available in the gift shops. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about sports betting. Councilor Patzkowski inquired about contact information for 1839 Meat Co. Councilor Smith inquired if there would be sports betting in Tunica.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Ms. Taylor announced they have received two awards for their financial reporting. They have been giving storm relief payments to our California citizens. She reported on a new way to pay vendors through epay. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported on the expansion of the TANF program. They will be combining the Addiction Recovery Program with other programs to help with Department of Justice grants. She spoke of an EDA grant to assist women who are incarcerated. Ms. Kelley gave an update on the nursing grant. She announced they will be weaning participants from the ARPA to the PL102-477 and Quest. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight gave an update on the VITA program and offered to answer questions from the report.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*No questions or concerns were voiced pertaining to the Consent items.*

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-008](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO INDIAN CAPITAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
**Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [23-009](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FBO: BACONE COLLEGE  
**Councilor Dobbins made a motion to strike the language referring that Bacone is within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundaries. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
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**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
3. [23-010](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
4. [23-011](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 5A AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
*Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion.*  
**Councilor Nofire made a motion to amend to increase the budget to cover the ticket expense for the debate. The motion failed for the lack of a second.**  
**The motion to approve as submitted carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:13 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>
<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>
<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Chuck Garrett</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>		