



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, April 11, 2022

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Callison 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 Dobbins moved to approve the March minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced this year we contributed \$7.5ml to one hundred and seven schools within Oklahoma Public Schools. He reported they are busy implementing the Housing, Jobs and Sustainable Communities Reauthorization Act. Recently in Kenwood an event was held for the ground breaking of the Woody Hair Community Center. He commented on the new childcare center in Pryor. A few weeks back he attended a ceremony in Washington D. C. to celebrate the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act. Chief Hoskin gave appreciation to the Council for their work on the Public Health and Wellness Act of 2022, he spoke of some of the highlights

including the fifteen percent of the Opioid settlement funds going into drug rehab. Lastly Chief Hoskin introduced the first ever all women team for the 2022 Remember the Removal Bike Ride.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett provided an update on the February financials, the current employment numbers, the Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale, and the newest food offering at the West Siloam Springs Casino. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the status of reopening the spa at the Hard Rock. Councilor Crittenden requested shareable information on the job openings at the West Siloam Springs Casino. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about the buffet at the West Siloam Springs Casino location. Councilor Tehee commended everyone involved with the Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Dobbins moved to amend the agenda to include the Public Health and Wellness Improvement Act as item #6. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [22-023](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHNNIE EARP AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [22-024](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF FY22 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM: SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND AFTERCARE APPLICATION TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
Councilor Coates made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [22-025](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF FY22 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM: SUICIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND POSTVENTION APPLICATION TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

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

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [22-029](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 6A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Austin moved to approve substitute Mod. 6A. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. [22-031](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

6. [22-032](#) PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Crittenden announced he and Councilor Sam will have a community meeting at the Mid County Community Building tomorrow at 5:30.

Councilor Coates announced he and Councilor Kidwell will be attending California community meetings in Bakersfield on April 22nd, Fresno on April 23rd and Nappa on April 24th. She acknowledged a member of an At Large organization who recently passed.

Councilor Austin recognized a Cherokee citizen who was awarded Educator of the Year.

Councilor Deere announced a Community Meeting in Catoosa this Thursday at 6:00 with Councilor Callison.

Councilor Callison announced he and Councilors Shotpouch and Shambaugh will be having a community meeting in the Salina Park on the 19th at 6:00.

Councilor Legg announced he and Councilor Smith will host a community meeting on the 13th at the Sallisaw Middle School cafeteria. He also announced a girl from Brushy Elementary won the World Wrestling Event in Reno, Nevada.

Councilor Vazquez announced a community meeting in South Coffeyville on May 17th in the Cherokee Building at 5:30.

Councilor Nofire announced a community meeting at the Tahlequah Community

Building on April 21st.

Councilor Tehee announced a Districts 1 and 2 community meeting on May 24th at the Cherokee County Community Building.

Speaker Shambaugh commented on the good discussion held today. He announced he was going to see what it would take to get back to having the Council meeting in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:36 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.