



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

*Rex Jordan, Chair*

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Monday, July 20, 2020

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Co Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 15 - E. O. "JR." Smith; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Canaan Duncan

**Late Arrival** 2 - Harley Buzzard and Wes Nofire

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the June 25th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Management Resources - David Moore

*Mr. Moore offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired if we are using heppa filters, the process for disinfecting and sanitizing the buildings and how often. She requested clarification on the process for cleaning when someone tests positive and the extra precautions taken for those who are doing the cleaning. Councilor Buzzard inquired about safety and testing for our construction workers. Councilor Byrd inquired if we have ample space to store the supplies needed for the pandemic. Councilor Shambaugh inquired where we purchase masks and stressed the importance of buying American. Councilor Dobbins inquired about getting touchless thermometers for community buildings. Councilor Nofire inquired if there is a TERO vendor who provides COVID response supplies. Councilor Deere*

*inquired about masks to provide to the schools.*

Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Harsha reported in the absence of Mr. Elkins.*

Secretary of Natural Resources - Chad Harsha

*Secretary Harsha reported they have been focusing on their central services during the pandemic. There is a slight delay in processing the Hunting and Fishing license requests. The request for licenses have increased this year. Over 5,000 heirloom seed packets have been sent out this year. He gave an update on the National Zinc settlement, the Volkswagen Litigation Trust and the electric vehicles. Councilor Deere requested an update on the race massacre findings. Councilor Shaw inquired about the creek by the Methodist Home in Tahlequah. She also inquired about the status of getting temporary fishing licenses for At Large citizens.*

Real Estate Services - Ginger Reeves

*Ms. Reeves offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd requested an update on some land in Nicutt. Councilor Nofire inquired if they are reporting back to the solicitors' office for restricted properties. He inquired if the Cherokee Nation could deem ownership if there isn't an heir to restricted property. He inquired if legislation would be necessary. Councilor Deere inquired if they are looking at the vacant buildings in Tulsa.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [20-032](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) NATIONAL TRIBAL BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY2020  
**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilor Dobbins and Deere requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Taylor requested Mr. Travis Noland give an overview of the request. Councilors Byrd and Shambaugh also requested to be included as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chief of Staff Enlow announced they are now able to environmentally test the air.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Legg moved to adjourn. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:57 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*David Moore                      Travis Noland                      Joe Rainwater*  
*Taralee Montgomery              Todd Enlow*

*Remote:*  
*Ginger Reeves                      Chad Harsha*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell                      Tim Brown*