



# 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, December 16, 2024

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 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin reported the car tag compact with the State has been ratified and provided stability for the next decade. Five day schools have been returned to the Cherokee Nation from the State. An Executive Order has been signed creating a Registration Task Force to determine if our citizen identification cards need to be changed. Cherokee Connect will provide high speed internet in rural communities. The first of several new Head Start facilities has opened across the reservation. Chief Hoskin gave kudos to our financial team for yet another award, the health team for the rare disease summit, and Daniel Mead being named as Interim Marshal as of January 1st. He commented on the tenure of Marshal Buhl as he leaves in this capacity. Lastly he reported on the ten year plan to revitalize language.*

## CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Chief of Staff, Corey Bunch, and Secretary Crittenden presented Veterans Billy Wayne Bryant and Landon Daniel Scott with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

## Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett provided good news with a strong performance record, the highest ever for CNE in November and \$200m in federal contract wins. He reported on Cherokee Managements diversification efforts. Provided an update on the possibility of our gaming in Arkansas. In holiday activities he announced New Year's Eve celebrations would be held at various facilities, Christmas on the Square here in Tahlequah, and the support of the CNB staff to the Angel Tree. He offered to answer any questions.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Secretary Kidwell moved to amend the agenda to include items 1 - 7 passed out of committees earlier today. Deputy Speaker Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**24-118****A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. ASHLEY COMIFORD AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Candessa Tehee, Julia Coates, Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

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

Enactment No: R-068-24

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**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PAT GWIN  
AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL  
REVIEW BOARD**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Candessa Tehee and Julia Coates

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

Enactment No: R-069-24

[24-121](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MELISSA  
PAYNE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: R-070-24

[24-113](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT FOR  
A TRANSACTION INVOLVING CHEROKEE NATION SYSTEM  
SOLUTIONS, L.L.C., A CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL LIMITED  
LIABILITY COMPANY**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joshua Sam, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg and  
Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: R-071-24

[24-114](#)

**A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM CHEROKEE TRI-COUNCIL**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Candessa Tehee, Johnny Kidwell,  
Danny Callison, Kevin Easley, Lisa Hall, Codey Poindexter, Melvina  
Shotpouch and Daryl Legg

**Deputy Speaker Easley moved to approve. Councilor McGeady seconded the  
motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-072-24

[24-115](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 68 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE  
ANNOTATED**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joshua Sam, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg and  
Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: LA-45-24

[24-112](#)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHEROKEE CONNECT, A PROJECT TO EXPAND RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET SERVICES IN CHEROKEE COMMUNITIES**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Danny Callison, Julia Coates, Mike Dobbins, Kevin Easley, Lisa Hall, Johnny Kidwell, Kendra McGeady, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

**Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-073-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Multiple Councilors requested prayers and remembrance for Cherokees who have passed on over the last month.*

*Councilor Callison recognized Speaker Shambaugh's upcoming birthday and requested everyone sing to him.*

*Councilor Tehee commented on the recent Cherokee Night at the NSU vs. Haskell basketball game. The Council was gifted a framed jersey written in Cherokee.*

*Speaker Shambaugh commented it has been a long but good day. He reminded everyone that the Council will feed the staff tomorrow.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:33 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.