



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, June 14, 2021

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

*Speaker Byrd went over the Tri-Council agenda.*

**He called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve both the May 17th regular session and the May 27th special session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Shaw requested the minutes reflect her as an opposing vote on the approval of Mod. 8A. The motion to approve carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin announced it is a big week with Tri-Council being in town and the GaDuGi Portal. More than 190,000 have applied for the \$2,000 assistance. Field locations have been set up to assist those who cannot access the portal. We continue to seize the opportunity put before us because of McGirt. Chief Hoskin reported on an Executive Order recently concerning mental wellness among our work*

*force by giving them two additional hours off work a month. The mental wellness initiative will also include walking trails across the reservation. In conclusion he stated we are in a position of strength in large measure because of the work of this Council.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

**This item was placed on the agenda in error. The Veteran Warrior Awards have not been given as a part of the Council meeting during the COVID pandemic.**

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported they are continue to recover from the pandemic as each business unit is running very strong right now. They continue to loosen various restrictions at the gaming facilities implemented during COVID. They have lifted travel restrictions for other areas of CNB. The Cherokee Nation Film office is collaborating with Dead Center Film Festival to recognize indigenous filmmakers at the festival. The Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism team is currently presenting a two-part exhibit highlighting the progression of the Cherokee language at the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Museum and continues at the Cherokee Nation Prison Musuem. He offered to anwer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin shared a story from a Cherokee citizen. Councilor Shaw inquired if our hourly wage at the casinos compares with other tribes in the Tulsa area. She also inquired if he expected an influx of former employees once the unemployment stops. Speaker Byrd commented on a recent tour to the National Marshal Museum and the Daniel Horsechief monument.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to amend the agenda to add 2 items passed out of Community Service committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Mr. George Roach gave a background of the Summer Youth Intern Program and then asked each of the interns to come in an introduce themselves.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [21-046](#) **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND BINDING ARBRITRATION AND AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF rANK ONE SPORTS WEBSITE**

**Sponsors:** Canaan Duncan, Janees Taylor, Mike Shambaugh and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-027-21

2. [21-047](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED, ESTABLISHING THE ANTI-HARRASSMENT ACT OF 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor, Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Deere, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire gave clarification for his vote in opposition. Councilor Duncan asked several clarification questions of Attorney General Hill. Councilors Vazquez, Crittenden and Patzkowski requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.**

Enactment No: LA-28-21

3. [21-048](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor, Canaan Duncan, Victoria Vazquez, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Deere, Rex Jordan and Mike Shambaugh

**Councilor Legg made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-29-21

4. [21-049](#)            **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 22 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE  
ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**        Janees Taylor, Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Deere, Rex Jordan and Mike Shambaugh
- Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-30-21
5. [21-050](#)            **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 47 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE  
ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**        Janees Taylor, Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Deere, Rex Jordan and Mike Shambaugh
- Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-31-21
6. [21-051](#)            **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 62 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE  
ANNOTATED - PUBLIC FINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**        Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Joe Deere
- Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilors Deere and Vazquez requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-32-21
7. [21-052](#)            **AN ACT AMENDING LA 35-17, "CHEROKEE NATION SOVERIEGN WEALTH  
FUND" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**        Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith and Joe Deere
- Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilors Deere, Vazquez, Dobbins, Smith and Patzkowski requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-33-21

Executive and Finance Committee

8. [21-054](#)            **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-20 AUTHORIZING THE  
COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 -  
Mod. 5;  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**        Janees Taylor
- Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the**

motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-34-21

9. [21-057](#)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2021 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (IHBG-ARP) FUNDING**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Wes Nofire, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Councilors requesting to be added as sponsors.**

Enactment No: R-028-21

10. [21-058](#)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski, Wes Nofire, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Coates made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

Enactment No: R-029-21

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Patzkowski announced the loss of a National Treasure*

*Councilor Taylor gave a shout out to a former Tribal Youth Councilor who played on the Oklahoma Women's Softball Team who just won the National Championship.*

*Councilor Coates requested the remembrance of her father and an At Large community member.*

*Councilor Shambaugh congratulated everyone who won their re-election bid.*

*Speaker Byrd requested a moment of silence for those lost over the last month.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the**

**motion. The motion carried at 5:52 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.