



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, August 29, 2024

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl reported on the busy weekend. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Mr. Harsha provided an update on the pending cases. He announced the task force report is complete and available for review on the website. He offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Shambaugh and Councilor Easley commented on the task force.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepton

Ms. Swepton provided a handout of frequent asked questions pertaining to the Mason Treat Act going into effect on September 1st. Chair Shambaugh requested a brief overview of what the Act is and how it changes things for Cherokee citizens. Councilors asked clarification questions pertaining to this new law.

Chair Shambaugh inquired about the status of the car tag compact negotiations.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff offered to answer questions from the report.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks commented on the changes in the report format. She offered to answer any questions. Councilor Tehee commented on the increase in artificial intelligence. She inquired about how they are looking to increase efficiencies.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-076](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK DELOZIER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION
Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion and requested to be added as a sponsor. Mr. Delozier was given the opportunity to speak. Both Councilors Deere and Shotpouch spoke on his behalf. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.
2. [24-078](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING RITA BUNCH AS TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE BOARD MEMBER SEAT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. Ms. Bunch was not present for questions. Councilor Callison requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.
3. [24-079](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CLARICE DOYLE AS A TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE BOARD SEAT AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX
Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Ms. Doyle was given a moment to speak to the Council. Following comments Councilors Deere and Shambaugh requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

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4. [24-077](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES
- Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilors Poindexter and Deere requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with no opposition.**
5. [24-080](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
- Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Councilor Smith nominated Kevin Easley, Jr. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition. Councilor Deere requested to be added as a sponsor.**
6. [24-081](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 29, SECTION 108(D) OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED
- Councilor Tehee moved to table. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. Councilor Poindexter requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to table carried.**
7. [24-087](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 "COUNCIL", CHAPTER 1, SECTION 3
- Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.**
8. [24-082](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 14-22 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. Councilors Kidwell, Deere and Tehee requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with no opposition.**
9. [TMP-414](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - INTERVIEWS OF APPLICANTS FOR THE DISTRICT 11 COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 13 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND TITLE 19 "COUNCIL" SECTION 3 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED
- Chair Shambaugh welcomed the applicants. He gave an overview of the process and asked the Council if they had any questions prior to beginning the interviews. Interview of the six applicants took place one at a time with an overview of their background then questions from the Council. Following the interviews Councilor Kidwell requested clarification on the selection process. Councilor Coates voiced concern for voice voting.**
10. [24-088](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENDRA MCGEADY TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT FOR DISTRICT 11 RESULTING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER VICTORIA VAZQUEZ
- Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Chair Shambaugh stated a roll call vote would be taken, each Councilor will voice the name of the person they wish to appoint to the District 11 Council seat. The roll call vote conducted was 14 votes for Kendra McGeady and 2 abstentions. The motion to approve Kendra McGeady carried.**
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Yea: 14 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Johnny Kidwell ; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Kevin Easley Jr.

Abstain: 2 - Mike Dobbins and Julia Coates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Deere announced NCAI is at the MGM in Las Vegas in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:47 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>
<i>Shella Bowlin</i>	<i>Paula Starr</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Audra Imhoff</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Marcus Fears</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Victoria Vazquez</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Frank Delozier</i>	<i>Rick Doherty</i>	<i>Jessica Bertram</i>
<i>Kendra McGeady</i>	<i>Clarice Doyle</i>	<i>Phillip Oyler</i>
<i>Andrew Hough</i>	<i>Michael Purcell</i>	