



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Tuesday, September 6, 2022

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

SPECIAL SESSION - FY2023 BUDGET HEARINGS (9/6/2022 - 9/8/2022)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Shawn Crittenden

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

NEW BUSINESS

- 22-070** BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2023 CAPITAL AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGETS
Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion.

Chair Austin stated the task upon us today is the single most important of the year. He gave appreciation to everyone who participated in the preparation of the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Treasurer Taylor gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY2023 budget submitted. She commented and gave appreciation to all of those who assisted in the preparation of the budget. She introduced the staff she had with her. Following her overview she

offered to answer any questions from the Council. Councilor Crittenden inquired who sets the budget for each department, who sets the salary for employees and directors, and he requested a breakdown explanation of how to read the line item budgets. Councilor Tehee inquired how the departments handle a flat budget with the increase in the FTEs. Councilor Dobbins inquired how the departments handle the inflation when submitting a flat budget. Councilor Kidwell requested clarification on vacancies. He requested a list of vacancies that have been vacant for three years or more. Councilor Deere inquired at what point are the funds set aside for vacancies placed in a different budget.

A representative from each department gave an overview of their budget changes and offered to answer questions beginning with Corey Bunch for the Chief, Deputy Chief, Secretary of State and Government Relations.

Chair Austin called for a break at 10:10 a.m.

Chair Austin called the meeting back to order at 10:26 a.m.

The department overviews continued followed by questions from the Council.

RECESS

Chair Austin called for a recess at 11:34 a.m. for lunch.

RECONVENNE

Chair Austin called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

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The department overview continued.

Chair Austin called for a break at 1:57 p.m.

Chair Austin called the meeting back to order at 2:12 p.m.

Following the completion of the department overviews and questions the motion to approve the FY2023 budget as submitted carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 2:20 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

VISITORS PRESENT: