



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, July 14, 2025

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - 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; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Mike Dobbins

Late Arrival 1 - Joe Deere

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

Acting Marshal Mead yielded his time to Chief Hoskin to discuss the Marshal Service Inaugural 5-year Strategic Plan. Following Chief Hoskin's remarks on the strategic plan and its history, Mr. Mead gave a PowerPoint overview and highlights of the plan. He then offered to answer any questions. Following questions pertaining to the strategic plan he offered to answer questions from the regular report provided.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Mr. Harsha announced they have three summer interns in the Attorney Generals office. He provided updates on the pending litigation. He stated last week marked the 5-year

anniversary of the McGirt decision. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

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

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears gave an update on the upcoming Run-off election. He offered to answer any questions from the report.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston have highlight comparisions from May of 2024 to May of 2025. She stated she would be able to give a report next month on the At Large tags sold by the State. She offered to answer any questions. Councilor Kidwell inquired if there have been any complaints on the At Large tag process. Councilor Coates commented on some confusion from an article in the Phoenix saying all At Large citizens could get the car tags.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

Ms. Miles offered to answer questions from the report.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff announced the next board meeting will be held on the 25th at the West Siloam Springs Casino. Staff training was held on July 8th. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks reported the pre-employment drug screening is now offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They have implemented an initiative to reduce paper use in the Human Resources Department. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired if she would continue to include the Health Services employment numbers or if it would move to the Health report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-073](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

 Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.

2. [25-075](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST CONTRACT

WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:55 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chad Harsha

Audra Imhoff

Daniel Mead

Ray Walsh

Canaan Duncan

Samantha Hendricks

Marcus Fears

Chad McCarter

Gwen Terrapin

Ashawna Miles

Sharon Swebston

Julie Hubbard

Tony Elizando

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Clifton Hughes

Teddy Snell

Molly Jarvis