



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, June 26, 2025

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 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; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Daryl Legg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

Marshal Mead apologized for not being present last month that he was with the Remember the Removal Bike Riders. He offered to answer any questions from the report provided. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the security staffing at the clinics and who responds to emergency issues.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

AG Harsha gave an update on pending litigation. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Callison inquired if we would be abiding by the harsh statement from the Tulsa County Attorney General. Chair Shambaugh requested an update on

the United Keetoowah ability to game. Councilor Deere inquired if we have safety protocols in place if something should happen like the Creek Nation Juneteenth Celebration.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepson gave highlights from the report including revenue comparison from this year and last year. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff announced the next commissioners meeting is tomorrow at Hard Rock. The meetings are always scheduled the last Friday of the month. She reported the audits are on track. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks gave an update on the Internship Program. She offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Shambaugh inquired if the Marshal Service has their own Human Resource person.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [25-057](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 ("CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS") OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED
**Councilor Tehee made a motion to Table to the August Rules meeting.
Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-061](#) CHEROKEE NATION CLAREMORE OUTPATIENT AND EMERGENCY HEALTH CENTER ACT
Councilor Easley made a motion to approve the revised version provided today. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Chief Hoskin provided a rendering of the new Claremore facility. He spoke about the state of the current facility as well as the new facility and future plans. He spoke about the operations and employees once we take over on October 1st. He offered to answer any questions. Councilor Deere inquired if land would need to be acquired or if already have land set aside. He also inquired about a budget to show the positions and services. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Easley seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:34 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Audra Imhoff</i>
<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>	<i>S. Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Julie Hubbard</i>
<i>Keeli Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>
<i>Sydnee Krenek</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Daniel Mead</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
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