



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

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Monday, July 11, 2022

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the June minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl reported on his two Marshals who assist in conservation. The Special Operations Team was called out to an armed and barricaded subject in Quapaw and also to an armed and barricaded subject in Oologah. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Dobbins inquired about guidelines for protests on our properties. Councilor Callison inquired about the hiring of game wardens.*

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

*Attorney General Hill reported they continue to analyze the Castro Huerta decision. She gave a brief update on the Hooper case and its involvement with the Curtis Act. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin inquired as to the certain municipalities referred to when reporting on the Hooper case. Councilor Coates inquired about the level of understanding of the lower courts on Indian law. She*

*also inquired about our Cherokee Nation Judiciary's level of understanding of the federal Indian law. Councilor Shotpouch requested clarification on fines for tickets. Councilor Callison inquired about the jury selection process. He also inquired about the distance to the courthouse issue for some jurors.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin gave an update from the report provided. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Callison requested clarification on exempt disclosures referred to in the report.*

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

*Mr. Fears reported they are working hard to prepare for the upcoming election cycle. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Kidwell inquired if the uptick in voter registration numbers in June is due to the community gatherings. He requested the increases be provided by district. Councilor Dobbins requested clarification on relinquished citizens. Councilor Callison inquired about a better process for the Election Commission having issues with legislation passed by this body. Councilor Smith inquired about the timeline rules for relinquishment.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report. She announced a new employee is in training for the Jay office. She provided an update on the Catoosa office.*

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

*Ms. Ashawna Miles introduced herself and offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

*Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired if each Cherokee Nation facility has the same sick and vacation time policies. Councilor Legg requested clarification on a previous employee returning to work in regard to a required time away and the rules pertaining to the sick and annual leave. Councilor Tehee inquired about the steps being taken to shorten the time from the application date to the hiring date and she inquired about improvements in the process notifications to applicants. Councilor Tehee further inquired about the probation period for new employees. Councilor Legg inquired if hiring is contingent on background.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [22-048](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT CREATING TITLE 21, SECTION 1835.2 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY  
**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to table. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [22-053](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF FREDDIE FERRELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
**Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Deere requested to be added as a sponsor.**
2. [22-054](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DIANA STITES ELROD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Deere requested to be added as a sponsor.**
3. [22-055](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KATHY ADAIR AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
**Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilors Deere and Legg requested to be added as sponsors.**
4. [22-056](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CYNTHIA MYERS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
**Councilor Kidwell made a motion to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Legg requested to be added as a sponsor.**
5. [22-057](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT STOVER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
6. [22-058](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DERRICK VANN A CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRAR  
**Councilor Callison made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilors Shotpouch, Crittenden, Austin, Kidwell and Dobbins requested to be added as sponsors.**

- 7.        [22-059](#)            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN LOAN DOCUMENTS AND LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO THE UNITED STATES FARM SERVICE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE BANK OF OKLAHOMA IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEIRS' PROPERTY RELENDING PROGRAM (7 CFR Part 769, Subpart B)

**Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- 8.        [22-060](#)            THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF WILMA P. MANKILLER CAPITOL PARK ACT

**Councilor Shotpouch made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- 9.        [22-063](#)            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE CONSTURCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**This resolution has been previously emailed out to the Council for review and provided today in hard copy. Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried. Councilors Deere, Kidwell, Callison, Shotpouch and Tehee requested to be added as sponsors.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Shambaugh announced it has been requested that all business items passed today move forward to the Council meeting this evening.*

*Chief of Staff Bunch announced the clothing for kids program was launched last week. This year there will be an expansion of the program to include college and career tech students between the ages of nineteen to twenty-three.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:10 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Shannon Buhl</i>       | <i>Samantha Hendricks</i> | <i>Marcus Fears</i>      |
| <i>Gwen Terrapin</i>      | <i>Corey Bunch</i>        | <i>Tina Glory Jordan</i> |
| <i>Camerin Fite James</i> | <i>Sara Hill</i>          | <i>Derrick Vann</i>      |
| <i>Janice Purcell</i>     | <i>Ashawna Miles</i>      | <i>Anna Knight</i>       |
| <i>Sharon Swepston</i>    | <i>Janees Taylor</i>      | <i>April Moore</i>       |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Rick Doherty</i> | <i>Freddie Terrell</i> | <i>Diana Elrod</i>   |
| <i>Kathy Adair</i>  | <i>Cynthia Myers</i>   | <i>Robert Stover</i> |
| <i>John Young</i>   |                        |                      |

