



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, June 25, 2020

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Chair Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 14 - Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Canaan Duncan ; Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

**Absent** 2 - Rex Jordan and Daryl Legg

**Late Arrival** 1 - Mary Baker Shaw

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere moved to approve the May 28th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl gave an update on the MERC team of Marshals and their duties during the COVID-19 pandemic. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the Marshal Service's ability to take on the Emergency Management Code that is on the agenda. Marshal Buhl stated they are working with the Attorney General, the Emergency Management staff and Administration to submit an Emergency Management Code for consideration in July.*

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

*Attorney General Hill provided an update on all of the pending litigation. Councilor Nofire inquired if in the Insurance Litigation case CNB were able to re-coop their losses would the tribe then be re-cooped the funds provided to them through the CARES Act.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Councilor Taylor requested an update on the Catoosa tag office construction. Councilor Shambaugh commented on the time to get a tag during this pandemic. Chief of Staff Enlow reported there are \$1ml more registrations now compared to this time last year. Councilor Deere inquired about the contractor and architect for the Catoosa facility. He also inquired about the signal lighting at that facility. Councilor Smith inquired about adding additional staff at the tag agencies to reduce wait time. Councilor Duncan requested the consideration of an Adair County tag office. Councilor Coates requested clarification on an At Large citizen living in Oklahoma City trying to refinance a vehicle and not being able to do so due to having a tribal tag.*

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Human Resources - Alana Casteel

*Mr. Enlow reported that they have adjusted many of the top tier practices when the employees were requested to work from home. He also provided an update on recruitment practices. Councilor Deere inquired if the computer software has been changed to notify applicants of their status.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [20-028](#) DISCUSSION ONLY - AN ACT TO ADOPT AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE AND AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**Per the request of Chair Byrd as the sponsor, Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to table. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [20-031](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA ELIZABETH BALLEW AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

**Councilor Nofire made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Following questions the motion to approve carried with the request to forward to Council today.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 2:48 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*  
*Tina Glory Jordan*  
*Todd Enlow*

*Gwen Terrapin*  
*Chuck Hoskin Jr.*

*Shannon Buhl*  
*Sara Hill*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Liz Ballew*  
*Teddy Snell*

*Morgan Ballew*

*Tim Brown*