



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Joshua Sam, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, April 24, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 17 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Ms. Jarvis gave the financial report and the current job statistics. She reported the Highway 62 construction has effected the Ft. Gibson casino. Will Rogers downs will host the Spring racing. Will Rogers Ranch will be closed for renovations. The 54th Trail of Tears Art Show is happening now. The Watercress Festival at the Saline Courthouse is this weekend weather permitting. She offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Sam inquired about an update on Polk County, Arkansas.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Controller, Jamie Cole, offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Mr. Palmer introduced some staff in attendance. He commented on the success story in the report then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Callison inquired about the Career Service scholarship deadline.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report. She reported approximately 2,900 tax returns were processed through the VITA Program this year. Councilor Smith commented on the VITA Program.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

*No questions or concerns were voiced.*

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-051](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
  
**Co Chair Easley moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

2.     [25-052](#)     AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #33-34 AUTHORIZING THE  
COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 5; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Shambaugh reminded everyone of the Oak Hill Piney auction on Saturday.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:13 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Jamie Cole  
Brooke Neff*

*Hunter Palmer  
Jody Reese*

*Anna Knight*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Molly Jarvis*