



# 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, March 28, 2024

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

**Absent** 1 - Mike Dobbins

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett gave an update on gaming in Arkansas. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Treasurer Taylor provided a copy of her report and gave apologies for the report not being in the packet. She reported on the audit and the award received for FY2022. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported they have a lot of activities this time of the year. Applications for the summer programs are being accepted now. An update was given on TANF. The Wild Fire Program Fair will be held April 26th at One Fire Field. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee gave appreciation for all of the preparations by the Job Corp staff on the Women's History Month. Councilor Smith inquired about the numbers expected for Summer Youth this year.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported they are in the middle of holiday details and tax preparation season. She provided an update on their loans. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

*Chair Sam stated a corrected page 4 of the TERO certifications list has been provided which shows the change in the ownership of Cherokee Termite and Pest Control.*

*Mr. Jody Reece reported the Motor Vehicle Tax funds has been included in the Council's road projects with an additional one time funding amount.*

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. [24-026](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Co Chair Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion.  
The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Smith announced a community meeting will be held in Vian on April 11th.*

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shotpouch moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:27 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Corey Bunch  
Diane Kelley  
Anna Knight*

*Jody Reece  
Brooke Neff  
Taralee Montgomery*

*Janees Taylor  
Shella Bowlin*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Chuck Garrett  
John Young*

*Ben Blossch*

*Teddye Snell*