



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Monday, May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Kidwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeedy; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Late Arrival 1 - Candessa Tehee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin commented on the celebration held for Earth Day recently. He commented on the creation of the Office of Energy created through the recently passed Cherokee Nation Energy and Sustainability Act. Seven veterans recently participated in the 14th Warrior Flight. They have completed and opened the 7th and final Head Start facility. The Cherokee Nation Foundation scholarships have been awarded. The Public Health and Wellness Fund Act will be expanded to include the elder nutrition sites being open five days a week. Chief Hoskin reported on the Summer EBT Program we will provide once again this year. Wood Hair Day was celebrated in Kenwood. MMIW Day was recognized. A celebration was held with the Judiciary for the \$1ml for mental health treatment. Chief commented on our opposition

to the possible changes to the Medicare Expansion Program. On May 19th and 20th the first Expungement Expo will be held for non-violent offenses. Tomorrow a celebration will be held for the opening of the Wilma P. Mankiller Capitol Park.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief
and
S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Leonard Edwards and Samuel Falls Morris were both presented with Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett provided an update on the financial performance, our gaming, and federal contracting. The racing season wrapped up at Will Rogers Downs. He announced Cherokee Federal received a cyber security certification. He offered to answer questions from the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

- A. [26-036](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO MARBLE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- Sponsors:** Lisa Hall
- Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-22-26
- B. [26-037](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO MURROW**

INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Sponsors: Uriah Grass

Councilor Grass moved to approve. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-23-26

Executive and Finance Committee

C. [26-040](#)

Sponsors: Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 17 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Enactment No: LA-18-26

D. [26-041](#)

Sponsors: Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 17 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Enactment No: LA-19-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Multiple Councilor requested prayers for those who have lost loved ones over the past month.

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls invited everyone to the free youth softball and baseball camp this weekend.

Councilor Grant announced an event for Black Wall Street this week and a 5K at Mohawk Park.

Councilor Poindexter congratulated the Little Kansas Baseball team for going to State and their Track Team won State. He announced on May 29th the Illinois River Fire Department will have their annual fish fry fundraiser.

Deputy Speaker Easley announced an Old Fashion Picnic at Stampede Park in Claremore on the 16th. He commented on 2 Councilors needing thoughts and prayers

at this time for the recent loss of their Moms.

Councilor Grass commented on Mental Health Wellness and taking time out to speak or text someone as it could really impact or change their day.

Speaker Kidwell announced the opening of the Wilma P. Mankiller park tomorrow, the Sequoyah High School graduation tomorrow, and the Firefighters Banquet on Thursday.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:42 p.m.