



# 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, February 29, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Johnny Kidwell ; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Shambaugh; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Late Arrival** 4 - Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett gave a financial update for the businesses. He discussed the federal contracts. Mr. Garrett announced the annual audit had been completed. Councilor Legg requested an update on Legends. Mr. Garrett requested the last portion of his report be given to their recruiting staff to provide an update on their recruiting efforts. A Powerpoint presentation was given.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Ms. Taylor offered to answer questions from the report provided. She provided information pertaining to tobacco taxes paid to the State as requested in the Rules*

*meeting.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley gave an update on the training center construction. She provided an update on the Wildland Fire Training Program and introduced a new Cherokee Nation Summer Career Pathway Program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

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

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

*No questions or concerns were voiced over the consent items.*

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. [24-014](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO TAHLEQUAH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Councilors Tehee and Hall requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
2. [24-015](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO HULBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL  
**Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Blackfox-Qualls abstaining.**

3.     [24-016](#)           A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO VANN'S LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH
- Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
4.     [24-019](#)           A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO MARYETTA PUBLIC SCHOOL
- Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5.     [24-017](#)           AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. Councilor Deere requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
6.     [24-018](#)           AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Deere requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to amend the agenda to include a surplus donation resolution. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

7.     [24-022](#)           A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
- Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Easley moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:26 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*  
*Diane Kelley*

*Jody Reece*  
*Sheila Bowlin*

*Janees Taylor*  
*Anna Knight*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Chuck Garrett*

*John Young*