



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, February 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 14 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr. and Kendra McGeady

**Absent** 3 - Mike Dobbins; Joe Deere and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin announced all non-profit fitness centers across the reservation will be subsidized for a year in an effort to allow Cherokee citizens access. He provided an update on the wellness centers. The fifteenth nutrition site has opened in Stilwell at the former Rowan's Restaurant. Chief signed an Executive Order pertaining to creating a task force for community outreach. Sequoyah High School has started an agriculture program. Chief Hoskin spoke about his recent D. C. trip. Tomorrow is the kick-off of Black History Month at Greenwood Community Center. He provided an update on the cancer care for Cherokees through a partnership with OU Tulsa and Mercy Fort Smith. Lastly he spoke about the land acquired in both Lost City and Keys where there are great opportunities for community, housing and public health.*

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

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

*Chief of Staff Corey Bunch and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden presented Corey Seratt with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.*

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported on the last board meeting held where they discussed the changes since the presidential election. He provided a financial update. This weekend the Anna Mitchell Cultural and Welcome Center will host a genealogy workshop. The first come first serve education tours will go from February through May. Cherokee Nation Government Solutions has captured a contract from the USMC. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

**Deputy Speaker Easley moved to amend the agenda to include three items passed earlier from Community Service Committee. Secretary Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

1. [24-123](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FAN ROBINSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Johnny Kidwell, Joe Deere, Joshua Sam, Dora Patzkowski, Candessa Tehee, Danny Callison, Melvina Shotpouch, Lisa Hall, Daryl Legg and Codey Poindexter

**Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-003-25

2. [25-001](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTIE HARRIS AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Joshua Sam, Candessa Tehee, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Julia Coates and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: R-004-25

3. [25-002](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDDIE MORRISON AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**

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

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

Enactment No: R-005-25

4. [25-003](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VICTORIA VAZQUEZ AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Kevin Easley, Kendra McGeady, Lisa Hall, Melvina Shotpouch, Codey Poindexter, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere, Candessa Tehee, Dora Patzkowski, Julia Coates, Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

**Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-006-25

5. [25-004](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS NOT OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES FROM THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE THROUGH THE CHEROKEE NATION GADUGI EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC AND OTHER SERVICES**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Kevin Easley, Mike Dobbins, Joe Deere and Dora Patzkowski

**Deputy Speaker Easley moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-007-25

6. [25-005](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE  
ANNOTATED**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam, Kendra McGeady, Joe Deere and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-02-25

7. [25-006](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE  
ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Johnny Kidwell, Joe Deere and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: LA-03-25

8. [25-007](#)

**2025 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING, JOBS, AND  
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT PERMANENT  
AUTHORIZATION OF 2024**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Candessa Tehee, Codey Poindexter, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere, Dora Patzkowski, Melvina Shotpouch, Lisa Hall, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Danny Callison

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

Enactment No: LA-04-25

9. [25-008](#)

**CHEROKEE ARTIST RECOVERY ACT - TEMPORARY  
REAUTHORIZATION**

**Sponsors:** Candessa Tehee, Mike Shambaugh, Melvina Shotpouch, Kendra McGeady, Joshua Sam, Kevin Easley, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

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

Enactment No: LA-05-25

10. [25-009](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING THE CHEROKEE NATION EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT ACT**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Kevin Easley, Danny Callison, Johnny Kidwell, Codey Poindexter, Joe Deere, Dora Patzkowski and Melvina Shotpouch

**Deputy Speaker Easley moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-06-25

11. [25-010](#)

**THE CHEROKEE NATION USA TRUST SETTLEMENT INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025**

**Sponsors:** Kevin Easley, Kendra McGeady, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Candessa Tehee, Lisa Hall, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere, Daryl Legg, Codey Poindexter, E. O. "JR." Smith, Dora Patzkowski, Danny Callison and Melvina Shotpouch

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

Enactment No: LA-07-25

Executive and Finance Committee

12. [25-011](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 5 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam

**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-08-25

13. [25-012](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh and Daryl Legg

**Secretary Kidwell moved to approve. Deputy Speaker Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Hall abstaining.**

Enactment No: R-008-25

14. [25-013](#)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KEYS HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESERVE**

**Sponsors:** Lisa Hall, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Candessa Tehee, Codey Poindexter, Danny Callison, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-009-25

15. [25-014](#)**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOST CITY HOUSING,  
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESERVE**

**Sponsors:** Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Candessa Tehee,  
Codey Poindexter, Danny Callison, Lisa Hall and Mike Shambaugh

**Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-010-25

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Numerous Councilors expressed condolences and requested prayers for Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month. Councilor Tehee announced upcoming Cherokee Cultural Wellness classes. Deputy Speaker Easley announced the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recently recognized the Pocahontas Club and Ollie Starr.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Poindexter moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:36 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.