



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker
Kevin Easley, Jr., Deputy Speaker

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Thursday, September 25, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED BY CHIEF HOSKIN

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Kidwell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Callison 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; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-093](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUND ACT - 2025 AMENDMENTS

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

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; 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-27-25

- 2. [25-094](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ADD AN OPTION TO RENEW TO BUSINESS LEASE NO. G08-3492 TO THE TENKILLER UTILITIES AUTHORITY (TUA) ON LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR CHEROKEE NATION**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter and Lisa Hall

Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-072-25

- 3. [25-096](#) **CHEROKEE NATION HISTORIC CEMETERIES PRESERVATION ACT**

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

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; 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-28-25

- 4. [25-100](#) **THE CHEROKEE HERITAGE CENTER ACT OF 2020 - 2025 AMENDMENTS**

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

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

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; 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-29-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Numerous Councilors requested prayers and remembrance of citizens who have recently passed.

Councilor Legg announced the opening of the Sallisaw Preserve is tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

Councilor Hall announced the Keys Firefighter who was injured in the explosion has been welcomed home, she also commented on the fundraiser held in his honor.

Councilor Tehee announced the SHS homecoming parade is tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Speaker Easley announced himself and Councilors McGeady, Deere and Callison would be hosting a community meeting on October 14th at Will Rogers Downs.

Councilor McGeady announced the Unity Gathering this weekend.

Councilor Deere announced an event at the Dream Keepers Park on October 13th where the Chief will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Speaker Kidwell recognized former Councilor Jack D. Baker in attendance. He stated a signing of the Heritage Center Act would be held immediately following the conclusion of this meeting at the Heritage Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:12 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.