



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, May 15, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 16 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin reported on our economic impact, the increase in the scholarship funds, public safety across the reservation, a partner service grant, the opening of new community buildings, the ground breaking of new housing additions, a new history course in the communities, and the month of May being recognized as Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Month. Chief visited Salina to look at an infrastructure upgrade for the new health center. A marble bench will be created to honor Dwight Birdwell. He visited the Speakers Village today with the second grade. He requested the 2023 Remember the Removal Bike Riders introduce themselves.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden presented Dwight Birdwell with the Congressional Medal of Honor. They also presented the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism to Roberta Sweet, Aaron Dunlap and Ronald Rhodes.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett announced they are setting records financially. He reported on some of their recent sponsorships. They have opened a greatest hits lounge at West Siloam Springs Casino. He reported on the recently held 52nd Annual Trail of Tears Awards Show. The new exhibit at the Saline Courthouse Museum will be Blanket Wearing with artist Anna Sixkiller.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [23-022](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND GRANTING A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Joe Deere and Keith Austin

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-013-23

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [23-020](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-22 AUTHORIZING**

**THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023
- MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-10-23

3. [23-021](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2023 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: LA-11-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Callison announced Locust Grove School are the National Archery Champions.

Councilor Deere announced the Special Olympics in Stillwater, Oklahoma begins tomorrow.

Several Councilors announced the losses of Cherokee citizens over the past month.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.