



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joshua Sam, Chair

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Thursday, January 30, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Kevin Easley Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve as submitted. **Councilor Dobbins** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Ben Bloesch gave an update on the financials. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shambaugh requested an update on gaming in Arkansas.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Treasurer Taylor commented the report doesn't reflect the amount of work that the Financial Resources does. She reported on a settlement. She announced they are in the middle of the yearly audit. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Coates inquired if the Treasurer would like to comment on the recent attempt

to freeze funding on grants.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Mr. Hunter Palmer commented on the spotlight within the report then offered to answer any questions.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported the SSBI program has had a lot of interest. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Councilor Coates inquired about a community assistance item she submitted but doesn't show on the list.

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. [25-011](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 5 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:16 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Anna Knight
Jody Reece

Brooke Neff
Jamie Cole

Canaan Duncan
Hunter Palmer

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ben Blossch
Rusty Hensen

John Young

Teddye Snell