



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Keith Austin, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, May 26, 2022

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 15 - Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Joe Deere

**Late Arrival** 1 - Wes Nofire

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Dobbins moved to approve the April minutes as submitted.  
Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett provided an update on financials and upcoming economic opportunities. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins requested clarification on Cherokee Federal providing temporary shelter for immigrant children. Councilor Nofire inquired if they had the support of the State leaders for this sheltering opportunity. He questioned it bringing child trafficking to the State of Oklahoma.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Ms. Taylor offered to answer questions from the report. She congratulated Council Kidwell on his induction to the Coast Guard Wall of Gallantry. She announced they have employment opportunities available within Financial Resources. She gave appreciation to the response of the poll regarding the fiscal year 2023 budget binders versus a thumb drive. Chair Austin inquired about citizens donation items to the Cherokee Nation.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Mr. Hunter Palmer reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. They completed two job fairs and will be rescheduling Siloam Springs and Catoosa. A job fair will be held next week on the 9th at ICTC in Sallisaw. He reported they have ramped up all of their Talking Leaves Job Corp recruitment. They are planning construction fairs for TERO and upcoming construction projects. Councilor Tehee inquired about assisting a citizen entering the workforce who may need specialized equipment. Chair Austin shared a success story of a citizen who completed the lineman training program.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight gave highlights from the Income Tax Assistance numbers for this year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*Chair Austin inquired if anyone had concerns or questions pertaining to 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. [22-043](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Austin acknowledged former Chief of the UKB, Dallas Proctor, has passed away. Councilor Smith announced a powwow this Saturday in Vian.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:40 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Hunter Palmer</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Remote:  
Chuck Garrett*