



# 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, June 30, 2022

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.**

**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; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mike Shambaugh

**Absent** 1 - Victoria Vazquez

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Tehee gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**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; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mike Shambaugh

**Absent** 1 - Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the May minutes as submitted.**  
**Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported on the financials. They continue to struggle with their workforce and continue with aggressive recruitment efforts. He reported they notice a down tick over the past weekend and will watch closely. He provided an update on the federal*

*contracting.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Treasurer Taylor announced they are wrapping up the single audit. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Austin requested clarification on the \$2,000 stimulus payments to citizens who registered by the June 1st deadline. Councilor Nofire inquired where the funds collected from tickets through the courts go. Councilor Sam inquired if they are gearing up for the emergency utility fund payments. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the process for citizens to submit for the \$2,000.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley commented on the programs spotlighted in her report. She provided an update on staffing changes, the new training center at the fairgrounds, the Wagoner office, the Vinita office, the Catoosa office, construction fairs, and flyers. She commended the Call Center and those employees on their One Year Anniversary. This year is the largest group of participants in the Summer Youth Program. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the One Stop Shop in Stilwell and requested examples of job types needed for Stilwell Summer Youth participants. Councilor Kidwell inquired about At Large businesses needing Summer Youth workers. Councilor Tehee requested clarification if there is an impact of placing individuals in programs who have a medical marijuana card. Councilor Smith inquired if the fifteen to sixteen year old program was a success. Councilor Legg inquired about the Career Exploration Group. Councilor Crittenden inquired how long the older participants can stay on the Summer Youth Program.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*Chair Austin inquired if there were any questions or concerns on any of 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. [22-049](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO ADAIR COUNTY 911  
**Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [22-050](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
3. [22-051](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mr. Jody Reece commented on the fees collected from tickets through the court system.*

*Councilor Smith inquired if there have been many changes in applications since the changes were made to the policy.*

*Several Councilors requested prayers for families of citizens who have recently passed.*

*Councilor Shambaugh requested resumes for the vacant Council appointment to the Sequoyah High School Board be submitted to Shelli by August 9th for consideration during the August Rules Committee.*

*Councilor Shotpouch invited everyone to the National Huckleberry Festival this Saturday.*

*Councilor Tehee announced Dwight Birdwell will be receiving the Medal of Honor for his service during the Vietnam War.*

*Councilor Deere announced a community meeting July 7th in North Tulsa, July 12th in Owasso, and July 13th in Catoosa.*

*Councilor Legg announced a community meeting in Brushy at the Cherokee Community Action Center on July 5th.*

*Councilor Callison announced a community meeting at the Pryor Fair Grounds on July 7th and at the Locust Grove Upper Elementary on July 14th.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Dobbins moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:51 p.m.**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

*Taralee Montgomery  
Corey Bunch  
Jody Reece*

*Camerin Fite James  
Diane Kelley*

*Janees Taylor  
Anna Knight*

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

*Teddy Snell*

*John Young*

*Remote:  
Chuck Garrett*