



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, February 14, 2022

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - 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; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Rex Jordan

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

*Councilor Jordan attended remotely.*

**Speaker Shambaugh read into the record the Remote Attendance Act allowing Councilors to attend the Council meeting remotely during extraordinary circumstance. He stated the current circumstance beyond the control of the Tribal Council is the COVID 19 global pandemic. Councilor Vazquez made a motion to allow for remote attendance. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Present** 17 - 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; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve both the January Regular and Special sessions. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin provided an update on the Opioid settlement announcing a portion of the settlement funds would be used create a behavioral health facility in the vacated W. W. Hastings building. An Executive Order was signed today to allow employees to the option to support the Cherokee Nation Foundation through a payroll deduction. He announced the entry level wage employees would be lifted up to \$15.00 per hour with an evaluation of all other employees. Chief Hoskin spoke of the Freedman History Project and the Georgia Cyber Academy. Lastly he spoke of the meaningful productive meeting held here with a federal official last week.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

## Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Ms. Molly Jarvis reported for Mr. Garrett. She provided an update on the businesses and financials. She reported on the Film Office's recent announcement of an incentive program for films shot on our reservation. On February 1st they worked beside Cherokee Nation at the food and PPE event in Catoosa. The 51st Annual Trail of Tears Art Show will be held both in person and virtual from April 2nd through the 30th. The Saline Courthouse Museum will feature Cherokee National Treasure Al Herrin for their next exhibit.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Vazquez made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Community Service Committee earlier today. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Culture Committee

1. [22-002](#)      **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING MUSEUMS, MEDIA AND OTHER ENTITIES REFER TO LIVING CHEROKEES BY THEIR TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND/OR AFFILIATION**

**Sponsors:**      Julia Coates, Victoria Vazquez, Candessa Tehee, Dora Patzkowski, Danny Callison, Keith Austin, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Rex Jordan, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Joshua Sam, Ms. Melvina Shotpouch and E. O. "JR." Smith

**Councilor Coates made a motion to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-004-22

Rules Committee

2. [22-003](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FAN ROBINSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION.**

**Sponsors:**      Shawn Crittenden and Joshua Sam

**Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-005-22

3. [22-004](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD H. FITE III AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

**Sponsors:**      Rex Jordan, Candessa Tehee, E. O. "JR." Smith and Joe Deere

**Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-006-22

4. [22-005](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GARY DAN DAVIS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**

**Sponsors:**      Candessa Tehee, E. O. "JR." Smith and Joe Deere

**Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-007-22

5. [22-006](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHAUN SHEPHERD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Rex Jordan, Keith Austin, Danny Callison, Johnny Kidwell, E. O. "JR." Smith and Joe Deere

**Councilor Kidwell made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.**

Enactment No: R-008-22

6. [22-007](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS CARTER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Keith Austin, Danny Callison, Rex Jordan, Johnny Kidwell and Joe Deere

**Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.**

Enactment No: R-009-22

7. [22-014](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF T. LUKE BARTEAUX AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Dora Patzkowski, Rex Jordan, Candessa Tehee, Daryl Legg, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere and Danny Callison

**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire abstaining.**

Enactment No: R-010-22

8. [22-013](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 27**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Danny Callison, Dora Patzkowski and Joe Deere

**Councilor Callison made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-05-22

Executive and Finance Committee

9. [22-010](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO STILWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Sponsors:** Shawn Crittenden and Joshua Sam

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-011-22

10. [22-011](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO ADAIR COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Sponsors:** Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-012-22

11. [22-012](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 4: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-06-22

12. [22-015](#)

**a resolution Authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to Revise and Update the Cherokee Nation's Inventory of TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:23 p.m.

Enactment No: R-013-22

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Austin announced the passing of elders. Speaker Shambaugh commented on the passing of Councilor Shotpouch's brother. He also announced the February 24th meeting packets are on your desk. The swearing in of Judge Barteaux will be at the Seal immediately following the adjournment of this meeting. Lastly, the Cherokee Nation Financial Department has received a certificate of financial reporting for the 20th year in a row.*

## ADJOURNMENT

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.

