



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Joshua Sam, Chair*

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Tuesday, September 5, 2023

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### SPECIAL SESSION - FY2024 BUDGET HEARINGS (9/5/23 - 9/7/23)

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

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

**Absent** 1 - Mike Dobbins

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 23-052** BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2024 CAPITAL AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGETS  
*Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.*  
  
*Treasurer Taylor gave appreciation to her staff and introduced those in attendance. She then began a Powerpoint presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Following the overview she then offered to answer questions.*  
  
*Each department was given the opportunity to speak about their submitted budget and then answer any questions.*  
  
*The budget overview by departments began with The Office of the Chief, Deputy Chief, Chief of Staff, Secretary of State, Government Relations, Veteran Affairs, CCO, Communications, Supreme & Tribal Courts, and Boards and Commissions.*

BREAK

**At 10:16 Chair Sam announced a ten minute break.**

**23-052**

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2024 CAPITAL AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGETS

*Chair Sam called the meeting back to order at 10:28 a.m.*

*The department overviews continued with Education Services, Health Services, Financial Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Human Resources, Management Resources, Marshal Services, Commerce, Human Services and Registration.*

RECESS

**Chair Sam announced a lunch break at 11:36 a.m.**

RECONVENE

**Chair Sam called the meeting back to order 12:40 p.m.**

**Present** 14 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Mike Dobbins

**Late Arrival** 2 - Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

**23-052**

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*The department overviews continued with the Election Commission, Gaming Commission, Information Technology, Government Resources/Self-Governance, Career Services, Tax Commission, Secretary of Natural Resources, Language, and Public Health.*

BREAK

**Chair Sam requested a ten minute break at 1:11 p.m.**

**23-052**

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2024 CAPITAL AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGETS

*The overviews continued with HACN, Cherokee Publications, and finally the Tribal Council.*

*Chair Sam gave appreciation to all who worked to prepare the budgets and for this presentation.*

**With all questions exhausted the motion to approve carried without objection.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Shambaugh announced the Tribal Council float won 2nd place in the holiday parade. He also announced that Governor Stitt has named Wes Nofire as his Native American Liaison.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:33 p.m.**