



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Monday, July 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Kidwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced yesterday was the anniversary of the Acts of Union signing, a celebration was held today with a proclamation signing. Last week the new hospital grand opening celebration was held, the largest Health Care Capitol project to date. The old Hastings Hospital building will become the home of the University of Oklahoma School of Nursing. He spoke about the Economic Impact Report from Tralynna Scott which can be viewed at cherokeemnationimpact.com. The North Tulsa Community Building Elder Nutrition Center is now open 5 days a week. Brittany Davis is now the Executive Director of Human Services. Chief Hoskin spoke about the Public Health and Wellness Fund dollars and the \$11.87ml. in grants to communities. The Immersion school is no longer a charter school. He stated we are now at a point in

our development where we should provide our own oversight. Ground has been broken on the new Justice Center which will house the Supreme Court, District Court and the Attorney General Offices. The old Salina AMO Health Clinic will become the new home for an elder nutrition center and CCO facility. A Freedman Map Quilt artifact is on loan from Northeastern State University. The At Large meetings will be held in Denver and Albuquerque.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Chief of Staff, Dr. Corey Bunch assisted Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden in presenting Jerry Lynn McGee with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The Cherokee Nation Summer Interns were introduced with Mr. Eric Smith provided a brief back ground of the program.

A group of CNB Summer Interns introduced themselves to the Council.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Ms. Molly Jarvis reported on the 4th quarter of the fiscal year. She stated they are planning for the upcoming year. She commented on the interns present from CNB. She announced upcoming events at the museums, upcoming traditional games and upcoming art shows. She reported on the recent designation earned by Cherokee Federal and announced Cherokee Nation Entertainment has earned the Status Plus recognition.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to amend the agenda to include item G passed out of committees earlier today. Secretary Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules CommitteeA. [26-052](#)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY ("NSU") A CHEROKEE NATION PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNER AND SUPPORTING IN PRINCIPLE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NSU AND CHEROKEE NATION

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell, Candessa Tehee, Codey Poindexter, Kevin Easley, Julia Coates, Joshua Sam, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Joe Deere, Ashley Grant, Uriah Grass, Lisa Hall, Clifton Hughes, Daryl Legg, Kendra McGeady, Melvina Shotpouch, Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Deputy Speaker Easley offered a friendly amendment to include the modified language provided in version 2. The friendly was accepted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-31-26

B. [26-053](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 20-20 TO CLARIFY THE OFFICIAL ARCHIVAL REPOSITORY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell

Secretary Sam moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Enactment No: LA-24-26

C. [26-055](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 24-09 TO CONFORM SUPREME COURT COMPENSATION TO LEGISLATIVE ACT 18-24

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Grass seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Enactment No: LA-25-26

D. [26-056](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 41 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

Sponsors: Lisa Hall

Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Enactment No: LA-26-26

Executive and Finance Committee

E. [26-058](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Enactment No: LA-27-26

F. [26-059](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

Enactment No: LA-28-26

G. [26-060](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

Sponsors: Johnny Kidwell, Joshua Sam, Dora Patzkowski, Lisa Hall, Clifton Hughes, Danny Callison, Kendra McGeady, Melvina Shotpouch, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Joe Deere and Candessa Tehee

Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-32-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls announced the previously recognized Ft. Gibson Livestock Team. They have returned from an international competition in Scotland where they won 1st place in the cattle judging. She invited everyone out to the Hulbert Fest on the 8th.

Councilor Hall congratulated Cherokee citizen Jason Christie for his championship win at the 10th Bass Masters Elite.

Councilor Poindexter announced the Westville Summer Slam on July 18th, a benefit for Lacy Lockwood on July 21st at the Tahlequah Community Building. He congratulated Leland Kirby for winning the USA Grand Champion Title in TyKwonDo.

Councilor Grant announced the National Night Out Event in Sperry on August 4th and on August 8th a free concert in North Tulsa in the Phoenix District.

Councilor Shotpouch announced a gospel singing in Oaks on July 25th.

Councilor Hughes announced Quail Forever for the Youth at Long Pryor Park. He also reminded everyone of the College Housing Applications now available through August 7th.

Speaker Kidwell gave appreciation to Chief Hoskin, his Administration and especially Brooklyn Neff for getting the HUD Indian Housing Plan to us early. He also recognized today being Ms. Neff's last meeting day as she leaves us for law school at the University of Tulsa. He gave appreciation to the Veterans and all of the interns who came to spend time with us this evening.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:54 p.m.