



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joshua Sam, Chair

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Thursday, May 29, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 15 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Dora Patzkowski

Late Arrival 1 - Danny Callison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. **Councilor Shotpouch** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave the April financial performance report. He stated there is still uncertainty with federal contracting. They crossed the \$1b in contract wins just today. He provided an update on gaming in Arkansas. Mr. Garrett gave the current employment update including a 68% Native American workforce where preference can be applied. He offered to answer any questions.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor reported they are wrapping up the single audit due at the end of June. She handed out the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report along with the smaller condensed easier to read version. She announced the auditors will be here at the July meeting for any questions. Ms. Taylor reported they are already working on the Fiscal year 2026 budgets. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee inquired if the upcoming budgets.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Neff offered to take back any questions for Ms. Kelley.

Commerce - Anna Knight

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

No questions or concerns were voiced.

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. [25-058](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #33-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the

motion. The motion carried.

2. [25-059](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE
COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 9; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Co-Chair Easley moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Callison announced the Rogers State University 5th Year Scholarship fundraiser golf tournament is tomorrow. He also inquired if any of the Council would like to donate.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:20 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>
<i>Matt Lamont</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Garrett</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
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