



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Thursday, June 25, 2020

4:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 14 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Keith Austin

**Absent** 3 - Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg and Julia Coates

### DECLARATION OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO

LA-04-20

**Speaker Byrd announced a vote would need to be taken to declare events of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the Tribal Council that prevent or inhibit Tribal Council members from being physically present and authorizing remote attendance of the session or meeting by audio visual device. The events of extraordinary circumstances are the pandemic of Coronavirus COVID-19 previously declared by the Principal Chief in the emergency disaster declaration of March 16, 2020. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.**

## ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

*Councilors Coates and Jordan attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Daryl Legg

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to include 3 items passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve the May 28th regular session minutes. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin commended the Council for all of their work not only in this chamber but also in their districts. The food distribution during this pandemic is making a huge difference to our citizens. He voiced concern for the COVID-19 case numbers. He appreciated everyone leading by example by wearing masks. He stated we have a tremendous opportunity here with the Respond, Recover and Rebuild plan.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*CEO Garrett reported earlier to the Executive & Finance Committee.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1.     [20-030](#)           **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Sponsors:**       Rex Jordan, Janees Taylor, Mike Shambaugh, Harley Buzzard, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Keith Austin, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Mary Baker Shaw and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-018-20
  
2.     [20-031](#)           **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA ELIZABETH BALLEW AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

**Sponsors:**       Rex Jordan

**Councilor Nofire moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-019-20
  
3.     [20-029](#)           **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 10A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:**       Janees Taylor

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-10-20

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

*Judge Dobbins performed the swearing in of the newly approved 5th Election Commissioner, Maria Elizabeth Ballew.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:40 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.