



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Keith Austin, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, October 27, 2022

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Sam gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**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

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

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Treasurer Taylor reported they are busy closing out the fiscal year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley announced they received an award during National Manufacturing Month in Pryor for the Chili Cook-off. The report this month spotlights all of the construction events from the month. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Tehee inquired about the tourism numbers from the holiday.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported on the strong financials and that they are well positioned for the next year. He provided an update on the Gold Strike in Mississippi as well as gaming in Arkansas. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Smith commented on the event held at the Cherokee National Park in Sequoyah County. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the newly hired Chief Operating Officer for Cherokee Federal. Councilor Legg inquired if they have to pay lodging tax.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*Chair Austin announced the TERO Certification renewal of Artist Tonette Hummingbird has been withdrawn. With no objections or questions all of the consent items will be approved.*

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. [22-085](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [22-086](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 1; AND

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Shotpouch requested prayer for the passing former Councilor Buzzard's sister.*

*Chair Austin announced a community meeting this evening at the Chelsea Schools cafeteria.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Dobbins moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:22 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery  
Diane Kelley*

*Janees Taylor  
Debra Lack*

*Anna Knight  
Corey Bunch*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Teddye Snell*

*Blake Pocquette*