



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Johnny Jack Kidwell, Chair
Kevin Easley, Jr., Co-Chair*

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Thursday, March 26, 2026

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kidwell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

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

Absent 1 - Ashley Grant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

Marshal Mead offered to answer questions from the report. He recognized Marshal Kyle Whitmire for his recent life saving event.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Attorney General Harsha provided an update on the hunting and fishing litigation. He offered to answer any questions. Councilor Deere inquired about the status of the Strouble decision.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

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

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston provided comparisons of the motor vehicle revenue and sales tax revenue from the previous year. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff announced the upcoming board meeting information. She provided a staffing update. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks provided an update on the Internship Program and the efforts of the Recruitment Team. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH COMMITTEE

- A. [26-023](#) A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 44-23 IN SUPPORT OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THE RESPOND, RECOVER AND REBUILD PLAN

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

- B. [26-024](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO THE OKAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- C. [26-025](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO THE TOWN OF OKAY

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- D. [26-027](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO NORTHEASTERN HEALTH SYSTEM (NHS)

Councilor Grass moved to approve. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

- E. [26-026](#) CHEROKEE NATION COUNCIL HOUSE AND CAPITOL COMPLEX DISTRICT PUBLIC WELLNESS AND BEAUTIFICATION ACT OF 2026
- Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**
- Yea:** 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Uriah Grass; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell and Kevin Easley Jr.

RULES COMMITTEE

- F. [26-029](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD H. FITE III AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
- Councilor Hughes moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Mr. Fite was given the opportunity to speak to the Council. The motion to approve carried.**
- G. [26-030](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LYNDON EMBERTON AS BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
- Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Emberton was given a moment to address the Council.**
- H. [26-031](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSANNAH PLUMB SCOTT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION
- Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Ms. Plumb Scott was given a moment to speak before the Council. The motion to approve carried.**
- I. [26-032](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AMBER LYNN GEORGE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION
- Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. Ms. George was given a moment to speak to the Council. The motion to approve carried.**
- J. [26-033](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STUART GRAYSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION
- Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Mr. Grayson was given the opportunity to speak to the Council. The motion to approve carried.**
- K. [26-028](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SOCIAL MEDIA - ACCEPTABLE USE (EXTERNAL) POLICY
- Co Chair Easley moved to approve. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. Chair Kidwell commented this came from the direction of our Director of Communications,*

Josh Newton. He requested Mr. Newton say a few words pertaining to the new policy. All Councilors requested to be sponsors of this new policy.

This new policy was adopted unanimously by the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Poindexter invited everyone to attend the donkey basketball game on April 4th in Watts. He also extended an invitation to the Proctor Community Organization singing and potluck on the 11th. Last but not least he requested prayers for the recent passing of a citizen.

Councilor Hall extended an invitation to a District 3 and 6 community meeting this evening.

Councilor Tehee invited everyone to the Sparrow Hawk Community Center pie auction.

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls announced the inaugural meeting of the Lost City Cherokee Organization will be held on March 31st.

Councilor Shotpouch gave appreciation to all of the help provided at the Community Meeting in Grove. He extended an invitation to the Jay CCO wild onion dinner on April 2nd.

Councilor Grass announced the grand opening festivities at Sallisaw Creek Park on April 1st.

Councilor Deere provided an update on the NCAI activities and issues. He extended an invite to a joint community meeting with Councilor Grant tomorrow night in Owasso.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:36 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Christina Justice</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>
<i>Chelbie Turtle</i>	<i>Daniel Mead</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>
<i>Aaron Emberton</i>	<i>Audra Imhoff</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Chad McCarter</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Josh Newton</i>	<i>Kyle Whitmire</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Amber George</i>
<i>Stuart Grayson</i>	<i>Ed Fite</i>	<i>Susannah Scott</i>
<i>Lyndon Emberton</i>		