



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Monday, July 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh 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 17 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Legg moved to approve as submitted. Deputy Speaker Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin congratulated the re-elected Council Members and Council Elect Grant and Hughes, both of who were in attendance. On July 12th the Act of Union Celebration was held, Chief gave an overview of the history of the Act of Union. Chief Hoskin stated it has been five years since the incredible news of the McGirt decision. He spoke of the changes since receiving the decision including the upcoming court expansions. He discussed the implementation of the Claremore Outpatient and Emergency Health Center. Juneteenth was celebrated. The Remember the Removal Riders are back and were honored with an event. The Public Health Fitness Program has signed a memorandum of agreement with non-profit gyms across the reservation to allow all Cherokees gym access. The Fiber Tech graduates were celebrated. Chief Hoskin announced the launch of a new pod cast "Siyo from the Rez". A one-year celebration was held at the Marble City Community Center. A group of college interns from the Career Track Program

through Human Resources introduced themselves to the Council.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief
and
S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden honored Steven Leon Donald and Stephanie Denise Caldwell with the Cherokee Medals of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave congratulations to the interns. He stated with the cycle of this months meetings this report will still be on May financials. The June financials will be ready by the end of the week. He announced the activities to be held at the Anna Mitchell Cultural Center this Saturday. The Voices of the Cherokee People won a number of Emmies again this year. He offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Deputy Speaker Easley moved to amend the agenda to include items 7-13 passed out of committee earlier today. Secretary Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [25-062](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO SOUTHERN
CHEROKEE HELPERS**

Sponsors: Mike Dobbins

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-047-25

2. [25-063](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION

**WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO MARYETTA
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-048-25

3. [25-064](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CALVARY
INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sponsors: Candessa Tehee

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the
motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-049-25

4. [25-065](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO NATIVE
AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC (NAFI)**

Sponsors: Kendra McGeady

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

Enactment No: R-050-25

5. [25-066](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION
WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO NATIVE
AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC (NAFI)**

Sponsors: Kendra McGeady

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

Enactment No: R-051-25

6. [25-069](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2025 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion.
The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-21-25

7. [25-073](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT
RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM THE**

OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Lisa Hall, Johnny Kidwell, Codey Poindexter, Danny Callison, Melvina Shotpouch, Kevin Easley, Candessa Tehee, Daryl Legg and Joe Deere

Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-052-25

8. [25-075](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls and Mike Dobbins

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

Enactment No: R-053-25

9. [25-070](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE IN GRADE SPAN TO INCLUDE KINDERGARTEN AT THE GREASY IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Codey Poindexter, Lisa Hall, Melvina Shotpouch, Candessa Tehee, Daryl Legg and Joshua Sam

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-054-25

10. [25-071](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND IN THE CHEROKEE NATION INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE CHERRY TREE RURAL WATER DISTRICT, INC.

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Joshua Sam, Codey Poindexter, E. O. "JR." Smith and Daryl Legg

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-055-25

11. [25-072](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Johnny Kidwell, Danny Callison, Melvina Shotpouch, Kevin Easley, Candessa Tehee, Codey Poindexter, Daryl Legg, Joshua Sam, Joe Deere and Julia Coates

Secretary Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-056-25

12. [25-074](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 11A AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-22-25

13. [25-076](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO PEAVINE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Sponsors: Joshua Sam

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-057-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates announced the At Large meetings will be held in New Mexico and Colorado this weekend.

Councilor Poindexter commented on the amount of Cherokee Speakers who we have lost, he encouraged the learning of the Cherokee language. He also announced the Bell Powwow will be held on August 8th and 9th.

Councilor Tehee announced on July 19th a celebration will be held in honor of Red Bird Smith's Birthday.

Several Councilor requested the remembrance of Cherokee's who have passed over the last month. Councilor Hall commented on the Bell Ringing Service held for the passing of a Speaker.

Speaker Shambaugh gave appreciation for everyone in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:47 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 11th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.