



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, July 15, 2024

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell ; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Absent 1 - Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl reported they are busy preparing for the upcoming Cherokee holiday. He gave highlights on the recent dive recoveries. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Poindexter requested clarification from the report. Chair Shambaugh inquired about training. Councilor Deere inquired as to the number of Marshals currently and the number needed. Chair Shambaugh inquired to the number of marshals prior to McGirt. Councilor Callison inquired if the number given for the current force include police transport. Councilor Tehee inquired if they have the Marshals, who don't have strong cultural ties, engage in cultural education. Councilor Poindexter gave appreciation for the Marshal's presence at the Bell powwow.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Attorney General Harsha reported on his experience at the recent Inter-Tribal meetings. He announced the Five Tribes all agreed to collaborate on a wildlife management plan. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg requested an official statement pertaining to Cherokee citizens and city ordinances. Chair Shambaugh requested a status update on the tag negotiations.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from her report.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears provided a handout of the Constitutional Convention election results. He provided information pertaining to the cost of the election. He provided an update on the new district map and lists. Councilor Tehee inquired if the GaDuGi portal updates also update with the Election Commission. She commented on the turnaround time for a runoff election seems tight. Councilor Smith inquired if there would be new polling places with the new map.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston reported the numbers are up from last year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

Ms. Montgomery offered to take back questions on the behalf of Ms. Miles.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff announced the next board meeting date and reported on staff trainings. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired if health human resources has been separated from the Cherokee Nation and if a separate report would be provided. He requested a breakdown of the locations of all new hires. Councilor Poindexter inquired if there is any help offered for applicants having difficulty applying online.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-064](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 "COUNCIL", CHAPTER 1, SECTION 5

 Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Councilors Deere and Callison requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

2. [24-074](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 40 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

 Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Callison requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ashawna Miles provided the Council with a copy of her Self-Governance report.

Chair Shambaugh commented the Legislative lunch at Inter-Tribal was a great success.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:36 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Marcus Fears</i> | <i>Sharon Swepton</i> | <i>Samantha Hendricks</i> |
| <i>Chad Harsha</i> | <i>Audra Imhoff</i> | <i>Brooke Neff</i> |
| <i>Shannon Buhl</i> | <i>Taralee Montgomery</i> | <i>Shella Bowlin</i> |
| <i>Canaan Duncan</i> | <i>Gwen Terrapin</i> | <i>Corey Bunch</i> |
| <i>Ashawna Miles</i> | | |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| <i>Teddy Snell</i> | <i>John Young</i> | <i>Rick Doherty</i> |
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