



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, November 15, 2021

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mike Shambaugh

Absent 2 - Keith Austin and Victoria Vazquez

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Speaker Shambaugh announced we are still in a global pandemic, COVID-19, and our Remote Attendance law allows Councilors to attend remotely following a vote of the Council. Councilor Jordan made a motion to allow remote attendance. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the October regular session minutes. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin opened his State of the Nation with an update from the Domestic Violence Task Force. This month the Country is celebrating Native American Heritage. Today a Tribal Nations Summit was held for the first time in four years. Chief Hoskin provided an update on the Health and Wellness Fund Act. He spoke about the funds set aside for Cherokees who want to go to Career Tech. With the recent acquiring of the Greasy School building in Adair County, we will have our second immersion school. Today you will consider the passage of historic sums to health care construction, these funds be used to construct a new hospital in Tahlequah. The current W.W. Hastings Hospital will be repurposed for behavioral health. Chief Hoskin gave praise to CNB and Mr. Garrett for the success in Arkansas as we now hold the license needed to operate a casino in Arkansas. He gave an overview of the executive order on employee compensation he signed today.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett announced we have a gaming license in Arkansas and will move forward with the Legends Resort & Casino. Speaker Shambaugh inquired about the timeline. Councilor Nofire inquired if they foresee any future court battles in Pope County, Arkansas. Mr. Garrett reported they look forward to joining the employee minimum wage review. H provided an update on the operating income, dividends and economic development. They have formed a new LLC with a focus on cultural aspects to preserve and protect our culture and promote economic development.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to amend the agenda to include three items passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [21-102](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES SIMMONS AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith, Keith Austin, Danny Callison, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Rex Jordan, Johnny Kidwell, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Ms. Melvina Shotpouch, Candessa Tehee and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-059-21

2. [21-096](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 26 SECTION 11(C) OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED TO REQUIRE THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION TO AMEND THEIR RULES, REGULATIONS AND FORMS UPON PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION BY THE COUNCIL**

Sponsors: Julia Coates and Mike Dobbins

Councilor Coates made a motion to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-48-21

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [21-104](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

Councilor Shotpouch made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-49-21

4. [21-106](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO ADAIR COUNTY 911 REGIONAL TRUST AUTHORITY LOCATED AT THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPLEX IN STILWELL, OKLAHOMA

Sponsors: Shawn Crittenden and Joshua Sam

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

Enactment No: R-060-21

5. [21-103](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 01-15 RELATING TO THE CITIZEN COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION

Sponsors: Mike Dobbins

Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

Enactment No: LA-50-21

6. [21-107](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF SHANNON D. BUHL AS MARSHAL FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

Sponsors: Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Victoria Vazquez, Shawn Crittenden, Danny Callison, E. O. "JR." Smith, Keith Austin, Candessa Tehee, Joshua Sam, Johnny Kidwell, Mike Dobbins, Daryl Legg and Ms. Melvina Shotpouch

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

Enactment No: R-061-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Crittenden announced a food distribution on the 22nd in Carson Park.

Councilor Legg announced a food distribution in Gore tomorrow.

Councilor Shotpouch requested prayers for a family who lost their son today.

Councilor Deere announced a food giveaway on the 18th.

Councilor Coates announced the passing of two At Large citizens.

Councilor Tehee requested prayers for two families who have lost their loved ones.

Councilor Nofire requested prayers for the families of two Cherokee citizens who have passed.

Councilor Callison announced the passing of a Cherokee citizen.

Speaker Shambaugh announced a food distribution on Thursday in Kansas for Districts 9 and 10.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:37 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.