



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, February 13, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 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 - 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 Vazquez moved to approve the regular and special session minutes. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin announced they had a record turnout at the At Large meetings in Florida. He reported on the amendment to the Public Health and Wellness Act which would include an endowment for scholarships. The process has began for the development of the Career Readiness Campus. The request form for the Heirloom Seeds is online. Chief reported on a community impact grant, the Native Farm Bill Coalition, the 1839 Meat Company, and Boys and Girls Clubs across the reservation.*

### 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 presented Cherokee Medals of Patriotism to Veterans Phillip Buford, Ralph Hanes and the family of the late William Rabbit.*

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported on the strong financials. They, once again, received a clean audit from an outside auditing firm. He announced an update on the 1839 Meat Company would be provided at the next Executive & Finance meeting. The Spring race season starts March 6th at Will Rogers Downs. They are seeking submissions to the Trail of Tears Art Show. Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism will restart the Spring Education Tours at the Tahlequah Courthouse Museum, Sequoyah's Cabin and the Saline Courthouse.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [23-003](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-03-23

2. [23-004](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-04-23

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Multiple Councilors requested thoughts and prayers for families of Cherokees who have passed over the last month.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:34 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.