



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, January 10, 2022

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

Absent 2 - Daryl Legg and Julia Coates

ROLL CALL

Speaker Shambaugh read into the record the Remote Attendance Act allowing Councilors to attend the Council meeting remotely during extraordinary circumstance. He stated the current circumstance beyond the control of the Tribal Council is the COVID 19 global pandemic. Councilor Jordan made a motion to allow for remote attendance. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilors Coates and Legg attended remotely.

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 Patzkowski moved to approve the December minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin reported on the major health care improvements to replace the Hastings Hospital, Salina clinic and the optometry school. He announced he would be presenting legislation, for consideration, at the end of this month for our emergency medical services as well as to assist in filling a gap for emergency medical services in Adair County. The International Decade of Indigenous Languages was kicked off last week. He spoke of us asserting our hunting and fishing rights based on our treaty and our inherent sovereignty. He announced Corey Bunch has been officially named as our Chief of Staff. Chief Hoskin reported on the rise in COVID cases.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett provided an update on the financial results of CNB through November of 2021. He provided the current employment numbers for CNB with a 74.6% of the positions being held by Native Americans. He announced season 7 of Osiyo TV begins this month. The Cherokee Nation Film Office continues to find new and exciting ways to help Native Americans pursue careers in Oklahoma's growing film industry. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired about the purchase of an intelligence company. Councilor Coates inquired if the majority of the open employment positions are predominately in the service area, if our additional COVID protocols have any effect. Councilor Smith commented on ESPN being at the Hard Rock on the 29th. Speaker Shambaugh commented on the mask mandate.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Jordan moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [21-118](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING A TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE BOARD MEMBER SEAT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh and Candessa Tehee

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

Enactment No: R-001-22

2. [21-119](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

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

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Nofire and Coates opposed.

Enactment No: LA-01-22

3. [21-120](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

Sponsors: Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Candessa Tehee and Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: LA-02-22

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [21-121](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

A motion was made by Councilor Keith Austin, seconded by Councilor Dora Patzkowski, that this matter be Approved . The motion carried unaimously by Voice Vote

Enactment No: LA-03-22

The motion to approve carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

Enactment No: LA-03-22

5. [22-001](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO GRANT AN EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY AND LIFT STATION ACROSS TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO THE TAHLEQUAH PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY FOR THE INDIAN MEADOWS SEWER LINE PROJECT LOCATED IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Sponsors: Rex Jordan

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

Enactment No: R-002-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilors recognized several Cherokee citizens who have passed over the past month. Councilor Tehee recognized her uncle's birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:31 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.