



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, September 28, 2023

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 17 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Captain Mike Roach reported in the absence of Marshal Buhl. Mr. Roach gave an update on the patrols, the new office across from Keys School and dispatch. He offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Shambaugh gave appreciation for all of the hard work and presence at the inauguration and the holiday events. Councilor Legg inquired about the programs for tribal inmates referred to in the report.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Attorney General Harsha gave an update on the current case log and litigation. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates requested a summary of where we are with the United Keetoowah Band.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there are 28 FOIA requests to date with 5 of those outstanding. There haven't been any GRA requests to date. The website has been updated.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swebston

Ms. Swebston reported on the motor vehicle numbers and the revenue and taxation number to date. She announced they have staff openings at Stilwell, Jay and Catoosa. Ms. Swebston reported on some staffing changes.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell announced along with her report she submitted a list of acronyms commonly used at the gaming commission. They are currently working on some new licensing regulations requested by NIGC. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks reminded everyone of the open interviews in October at Tahlequah, Nowata, Vinita and Sallisaw. She gave an update on how the open interviews are doing. She provided an update on the tiered leadership training system. She spoke about the partnership with IT and finance to upgrade the workforce management system and its going live on the 10th of October. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee inquired about remote work for our employees as well as a four day work week.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-056](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN WES NOFIRE, OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR KEVIN STITT'S NATIVE AMERICAN LIAISON, AND CALLING FOR HIS RESIGNATION FOR MAKING VARIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS AGAINST THE SOVEREIGN INTERESTS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Chair Shambaugh read a statement for the record. Councilors Tehee, Deere, Smith, Shotpouch, Sam and Poindexter requested to be sponsors. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:29 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Samantha Hendricks
Gwen Terrapin
Taralee Montgomery

Janice Purcell
Sharon Swepston
Corey Bunch

Chad Harsha
Shella Bowlin
Nick Hammons

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell