



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, May 30, 2024

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - 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

**Absent** 1 - Candessa Tehee

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl reported on the five new CLEET graduates, prisoner transport, how they have ramped up post McGirt, their probation and parole cases and their assist in the recovery of a missing person. He announced he had two Marshals affected by the Tornado but still went out and worked helping others. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Callison gave appreciation to the Marshal Service and their quick response following the storm. Marshal Buhl gave a shout out to David Moore and the Management Resources staff for their help with debris removal following the tornado. Councilor Easley commented the Rogers County Emergency Management praised the Cherokee Nation Emergency Management team. Chair Shambaugh commented the GaDuGi Corp was also a tremendous help with the clean up. He*

*stated the Council needs to create an account for emergencies such as this.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

*Ms. Taralee Montgomery offered to take questions in the absence of Mr. Harsha.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions following a couple of highlights from the report. Councilor Smith complemented the Sallisaw Tag Office. Chair Shambaugh requested an update on the Jay Tag Office.*

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

*Ms. Imhoff offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks gave highlights from the report and announced the Health Human Resources team is up and going. She provided an update on time to fill positions. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins inquired if Cherokee preference is given at Sequoyah High School and when would a non-native be hired over a Cherokee or other native.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [24-033](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 43 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND TO FURTHER ADOPT THE FIRST MODERN DAY CHEROKEE NATION FAMILY PLANNING AND DISSOLUTION CODE  
**Councilor Patzkowski moved to table to the June Rules meeting. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-045](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JANE OSTI AS AN ADVISORY MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Ms. Osti was given a few moments to tell her background. Councilor Coates requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
2. [24-046](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SUZANNE SULLIVAN AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. Ms. Sullivan was given the floor to give her background. The motion**

to approve carried.

3. [24-047](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA O'LEARY AS MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION  
**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
4. [24-048](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD HULL AS MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION  
**Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Mr. Hull was given the opportunity to give his background. The motion to approve carried.**
5. [24-049](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DRIVING OUT OF POVERTY PILOT PROGRAM  
**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Ms. Montgomery gave a brief overview of the program and requested a moment for Participant, Jody Wilson, to explain how the program changed her life. Ms. Montgomery commented Ms. Wilson will be the first to receive one of these vehicles. All Councilors requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
6. [24-050](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 50-21 RELATING TO THE CITIZEN COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Coates requested clarification, a copy of a judicial salary comparison, and the case load comparison between the district court and the supreme court. The motion to approve carried.**
7. [24-051](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 "COUNCIL", CHAPTER 4, SECTION 31 AND SECTION 33  
**Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
8. [24-052](#) AN ACT REPEALING LEGISLATIVE ACT 26-12 AND AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 14-22; REVISING TITLE 26 ("ELECTIONS") OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**A motion to approve was made by Councilor Poindexter. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Shambaugh announced all of the July meetings will be held on the 15th to allow the Council time for family vacations.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:47 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*  
*Paiten Qualls*  
*Shannon Buhl*  
*Corey Bunch*

*Brooke Neff*  
*Anna Knight*  
*Samantha Hendricks*  
*Nick Hammons*

*Sharon Swepston*  
*Audra Imhoff*  
*Gwen Terrapin*  
*Chuck Hoskin Jr.*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Suzanne Sullivan*  
*Teddy Snell*

*Jane Osti*  
*John Young*

*Richard Hull*  
*Jody Wilson*