



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

*Rex Jordan, Chair*

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Thursday, August 27, 2020

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - E. O. "JR." Smith; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Wes Nofire and Canaan Duncan

**Late Arrival** 1 - Joe Deere

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the July minutes as submitted.**  
**Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Management Resources - David Moore

*Mr. Moore reported on the new buffalo from Yellowstone and the new disinfecting machines. Councilor Patzkowski requested clarification on the disinfecting machines. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the schools have requested hand sanitizer. Chief of Staff Enlow gave an update of what has been provided to the schools. Councilor Austin inquired about the status of the Catoosa tag office. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the status of the discussion for a processing plant. Councilor Byrd suggested contracting with another tribe who has a processing plant. He inquired about the process of obtaining more PPE and sanitization supplies.*

Real Estate Services - Ginger Reeves

*Ms. Reeves offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg requested an update on a constituent issue. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there is a use in mind for the two new recent property purchases. Councilor Austin commented the economic development project in Chelsea. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the buyback of the Blackjack Women's Shelter in Adair County.*

Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Harsha offered to answer questions from Mr. Elkins report.*

Secretary of Natural Resources - Chad Harsha

*Councilor Taylor inquired about the status of the landfill and the future plan. She also requested clarification on the two vacancies listed in the FY2021 budget for the landfill. Councilor Buzzard requested to see the correspondence with the Bureau of Land Management pertaining to our pine trees. Councilor Byrd suggested extending an invitation to the BLM to attend a meeting here regarding the pine trees. Councilor Crittenden requested additional clarification on the landfill and the engineers assessing the landfill situation. Councilor Duncan requested when the rates at the landfill are raised that it is for commercial use and not to our individual citizens. Councilor Shaw inquired about the status of getting temporary fishing licenses for the At Large. Councilor Smith inquired about the rates at the landfill. Councilor Nofire commented on the McGirt jurisdictional decision in regard to hunting and fishing. Councilor Buzzard asked if there are roll off containers at the landfill. Councilor Deere inquired about the process for requesting the use of the GPR equipment.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [20-039](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - DOTSON ROBERTS AND THE PAVILION IN BLOCK 74, TAHLEQUAH O. T.  
**Councilor Byrd made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [20-040](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - NICUT 127 ACRES  
**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Councilor Dobbins announced he appreciated the Directors reporting in person.**

**Councilor Deere announced our CPA, Jody Reece, just lost his mother-in-law. Please keep the family in your prayers. He requested a moment of silence.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:02 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*David Moore*                      *Chad Harsha*                      *Ginger Reeves*  
*Taralee Montgomery*      *Todd Enlow*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*                      *Tim Brown*