



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

*Rex Jordan, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Monday, December 14, 2020

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Coates and Deere attended remotely.*

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

**Absent** 1 - Daryl Legg

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the November regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Management Resources - David Moore

*Mr. Moore reported on the twenty CARES Act construction projects they are currently working on and gave appreciation to the all of the TERO participation involved. They received the certificate of occupancy for the OSU medical building. They continue sanitize daily. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the purpose of the building in Muskogee listed on page 6 of the report under CARES Act projects. Councilor Smith commented on his trip to see the buffalo herd.*

Real Estate Services - Ginger Reeves

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

Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Harsha offered to answer questions on the environmental report provided.*

Secretary of Natural Resources - Chad Harsha

*Mr. Harsha provided an update on the electric bus transit program. They are looking at a number of different expansions in regard to the electric vehicle program. He provided an update on the landfill masterplan and their recent hiring of an engineering firm. They have executed an extension of the Hunting and Fishing Compact for one year. They are in the process of mailing out over 130,000 hunting and fishing licenses after the first of the year. Councilor Shaw inquired if temporary hunting and fishing passes for the At Large were or will be included in the negotiations. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the route of the Stilwell electric bus and how often it would run. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if the McGirt decision would help in the Hunting and Fishing Compact negotiations. He inquired about the possibility of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. Councilor Buzzard requested examples of what we have received in return from the State in regard to conservation. He inquired if we have any Native law enforcement for wildlife issues. Councilor Deere stated he has received a lot of questions regarding growing food, agriculture and a seed program. He inquired who to contact in regard to a community grow program.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 2:50 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*

*Todd Enlow*

*Remote:*

*David Moore*

*Ginger Reeves*

*Chad Harsha*

*Chrissi Nimmo*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddye Snell*

*Remote:*  
*Tim Brown*