

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, June 4, 2026

8:30 AM

Council Chambers

Tribal Council

I. Call to Order - Chairman*8:30 AM***II. Prayer****III. Roll Call****IV. Orders of the Day**

- 1.) [2026 -5086](#) An ordinance creating Cherokee Code Chapter 41 defining the different types of ownership of a possessory holding
Attachments: [item 1 6.4.26](#)
New Ord.
- 2.) [2026 -5087](#) An ordinance creating Cherokee Code Chapter 47C establishing Tribal Realty Services in the Cherokee Code
Attachments: [item 2 6.4.26](#)
New Ord.
- 3.) [2026 -5088](#) An ordinance to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 19-7 - Public Nuisance Prohibited
Attachments: [Item 3 6.4.26](#)
New Ord.
- 4.) [2025 -4919](#) Tabled Ord. No. 11(25) - An ordinance to update the Tribe's laws on Underground Storage Tanks
Attachments: [T. Ord. 11\(25\)](#)
8:30 a.m.
- 5.) [2026 -5015](#) Tabled Ord. No. 135(26) - An ordinance to establish an elk hunting season
Attachments: [item 1 3.5.26](#)
[T.Ord. 135\(26\)](#)
8:40 a.m.
- 6.) [2026 -5016](#) Tabled Ord. No. 136(26) - An ordinance to establish the EBCI digital sovereignty
Attachments: [item 2 3.5.26](#)
[T.Ord. 136\(26\)](#)
8:50 a.m.
- 7.) [2026 -5057](#) Tabled Ord. No. 159(26) - CC Chapt. 47-D & Chapt 47B to update the Tribe's laws on the assignment of possessory holdings
Attachments: [Tabled Ord 159 assignments of poss holdings by TC](#)
9:00 a.m.

- 8.) [2026 -5037](#) Tabled Res. No. 160(26) - A resolution requesting that Jesse Toineeta be allowed to purchase the "Proposed Playground Area" located on Blankenship Tract in the Big Cove Community for \$500
Attachments: [item 12 4.2.26](#)
[Tabled Res 160 2026 jessie toineeta to purchase the playground area located c](#)
9:10 a.m.
- 9.) [2026 -5061](#) Tabled Ord. No. 184(26) - An ordinance amending Chapter 19 - regarding caging bears on Tribal Lands
Attachments: [item 1 5.7.26](#)
[Tabled Ord 184 2026 caging bears on tribal land](#)
9:20 a.m.
- 10.) [2026 -5062](#) Tabled Ord. No. 185(26) - An ordinance to amend and expend Drug Trafficking to include synthetic opioids and opium
Attachments: [item 2 5.7.26](#)
[Tabled Ord 185 2026 to amend and expand drug trafficking to include synthetic](#)
9:30 a.m.
- 11.) [2026 -5063](#) Tabled Ord. No. 186(26) - An ordinance to clarify and correct the Cherokee Code to reflect the intent of Tribal Council concerning the use of UTV's on approved roads
Attachments: [item 3 5.7.26](#)
[Tabled Ord 186 2026 to clarify and correct the Tribes intent concerning the use](#)
9:40 a.m.
- 12.) [2026 -5064](#) Tabled Ord. No. 187(26) - An ordinance about hiring the One Feather Editor
Attachments: [item 4 5.7.26](#)
[Tabled Ord 187 2026 an ord about hiring the One Feather Editor](#)
9:50 a.m.
- 13.) [2026 -5089](#) Tabled Ord. No. 188(26) - An ordinance to create a chapter governing Unmanned Aircraft Systems
Attachments: [T.Ord. 188\(26\)](#)
10:00 a.m.
- 14.) [2026 -5090](#) A resolution to approve capital, funding project requests
Attachments: [item 14 6.4.26](#)
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10:10 a.m.

- 15.) [2026 -5091](#) The Emergency Management Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the Duke Energy Foundation in the estimated amount of \$25,000 for FY26-27

Attachments: [item 15 6.4.26](#)

(Grant Resolutions 15-18)

- 16.) [2026 -5092](#) The Emergency Mangement Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the NC Department of Public Safety in the estimated amount of \$425,000 for FY26-29

Attachments: [item 16 6.4.26](#)

- 17.) [2026 -5093](#) The Cherokee Police Department requests to apply for and accept funds from the DOJ, OJP, and Bureau of Justice Assistance in the estimated amount of \$400,000 for FY26-29

Attachments: [item 17 6.4.26](#)

- 18.) [2026 -5094](#) The VITA Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the IRS VITA Grant Program in the estimated amount of \$31,200 for FY26-29

Attachments: [item 18 6.4.26](#)

- 19.) [2026 -5095](#) Donation resolution for the month of June

Attachments: [item 19 6.4.26](#)

- 20.) [2026 -5096](#) A resolution authorizing the Tribe to accept a donation of deeded property located in the Seventeenth (17th) Civil District in Blount County, Tennessee from Brookfield Smoky Mountain Hydropower, LLC

Attachments: [item 20 6.4.26](#)

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10:20 a.m.

- 21.) [2026 -5097](#) A resolution requesting that Tyler Heneghan of Rutgers University, in partnership with the Museum of the Cherokee People, to conduct a research project entitled, "Activating Absence: transforming museum voids through interventions, institutional self-reflection and contemporary Native art"

Attachments: [item 21 6.4.26](#)

10:30 a.m.

- 22.) [2026 -5098](#) Tribal Council authorizes a referendum election shall be held to answer the following question: Should Section 17 of the Charter and Governing Document be amended to clarify that a person who has been impeached and removed from office is ineligible for office in the future?

Attachments: [item 22 6.4.26](#)

10:40 a.m.

- * [2026 -5100](#) A resolution to approve SSBCI funding allocations

Attachments: [item 6.4.26](#)

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10:50 a.m.

Emergency Resolutions

Banishment Items if Necessary

- 23.) [2026 -5099](#) A resolution to exclude james Craig Jones from the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Attachments: [item 23 6.4.26](#)

V. Recessed