

1 **PASSED**

2 **CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE**
3 **CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**
4 **MAR 03 2026**

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6 **Date**

7 **RESOLUTION NO. 134 (2026)**

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10 WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Division of Commerce is
11 responsible for economic development through strategic and tribal planning,
12 enterprise development, and destination marketing; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Division of Commerce has identified a funding opportunity through the
15 Economic Development Administration (EDA) for three economic development
16 projects; and

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18 WHEREAS, no personnel costs will be covered by this grant; and

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20 WHEREAS, there is a grant match required in the estimated amount of \$21,724,300.

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22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
23 Indians, in Council assembled and at which a quorum is present, that the EBCI
24 Division of Commerce, as the lead agency in a coalition with Kituwah Structured
25 Services LLC, is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the EDA in the
26 estimated amount of \$50,000,000 for a total project amount of \$71,724,300 for
27 FY2026-FY2028.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match from Endowment
30 Number 2 in the estimated amount of \$21,724,300 and the estimated costs by
31 project are in Exhibit A.

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33 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of
34 this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

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37 *Submitted by Brandi Claxton, Secretary of Treasury, on behalf of the EBCI Division of*
38 *Commerce*

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Exhibit "A"

Project	Total Project Cost	Tribal Portion	Federal Grant Portion
Qualla Commons (Old Elementary School Site)	\$34,959,300	\$14,371,300	\$20,588,000
Movie Theater Expansion (adds a family entertainment center & food offering)	\$14,615,000	\$2,923,000	\$11,692,000
Resort Hotel (next to Old Elementary School Site)	\$22,150,000	\$4,430,000	\$17,720,000
Totals:	\$71,724,300	\$21,724,300	\$50,000,000

The attached Resolution/Ordinance ____134__ dated __MARCH 3, 2026__ was:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council on **MARCH 3, 2026** by **81** voting for the act and **0** members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lavita Hill	X			
Venita Wolfe	X			
Boyd Owle	X			
Michael Smoker				X
Shennelle Feather			X	
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha	X			
Mike Parker	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Jim Owle	X			
Shannon Swimmer				X
Michael Stamper	X			
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



ENGLISH CLERK



PRINCIPAL CHIEF

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DATE: 3-3-26

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

PASSED ()

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and has been fully and freely discussed.

INTERPRETED ()

OMITTED ()