



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Monday, November 16, 2015

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez;
Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan and Bryan
Warner

Absent 2 - David Walkingstick and Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 1 - Dick Lay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the October 29th regular session minutes.
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested additional patrol in the Kenwood area late at night on the weekends due to theft and vandalisms. Mr. Buhl commented they are discussing cross deputizing with Chelsea. Additional discussion was held regarding cross deputization and patrolling.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Attorney General Hembree reported they would be filing their reply brief to the UKB seventy-six acre case. He introduced the newest Assistant Attorney General Courtney Jordan. He offered to entertain any questions.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the FOIA and GRA requests. Councilor Taylor gave appreciation for the summary spreadsheet showing the nature of the requests. It was requested the spreadsheet be provided on a monthly basis.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to address questions from the report provided. She gave an update on the Hunting and Fishing license implementation. Councilor Garvin requested clarification on the Cherokee Nation veteran tax card.

Self-Governance - Clint Hastings

Mr. Hastings offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the issue on the IRR roads on the Sequoyah campus have been worked out.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird offered to answer questions from the report provided. He provided updates on the tribes contributions to the state and reaching the billion dollar mark. He will taking a walk through the Roland facility tomorrow with the NIGC Chief of Staff. The gaming commission has set their meeting schedule for the upcoming year and will be provided to the Council. They continue to implement the changes as a result of the Attorney General's opinion on licensing. Councilor Thornton requested a copy of the gaming compact. Chair Byrd inquired how many tribes contribute to the State of Oklahoma. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on what class gaming makes up this contribution.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. TMP-329** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE ALLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND OTHER OFFICES TO RAISE AND SPEND MONEY AND ESCAPE ACCOUNTABILITY BY NOT FILING FOR OFFICE
Councilor Thornton moved to table to Rules in December. Council Attorney Dianne Barker Harrold gave an update on the status of the loophole work group proposed election law amendments. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Lay inquired if a special meeting would be held. Chair Byrd commented it would depend on the amendments once they are received and determined how much time is needed. The motion to table carried.

- 2. **TMP-330** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:
 (A) WHAT CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR A COUNCILOR TO CLAIM TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, INCLUDING TRAVEL FROM PERMANENT RESIDENCES AND FROM TEMPORARY WORK LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF CHEROKEE NATION?
 (B) MAY THE COUNCIL REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL FUNDS, FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER WHO DID NOT HAVE A SUFFICIENT BASIS TO CLAIM SUCH FUNDS?

Councilor Thornton moved to table for 2 months. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election Commission - Keeli Duncan

Chair Byrd recognized Ms. Keeli Duncan of the Election Commission and inquired if they would like to report. Ms. Duncan commented she wasn't prepared to report today but gave a brief update on their daily activities. Councilor Taylor commented it has been a great help to have them present at the community meetings. Councilor Garvin requested an update on a question asked at the last meeting. Councilor Thornton requested the Commissions appearance at his community meeting in Webber Falls on November 30th. Councilor Hargis requested they also attend the December 3rd meeting at Stilwell High School.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **15-088** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JANIE DIBBLE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 2. **15-089** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NATHAN E. BARNARD AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 3. **15-090** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR DEWAYNE LITTLEJOHN AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 4. **15-091** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF FARRELL PRATER AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.
- 5. **15-092** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Baker requesting to be added as a

sponsor.

- 6. [15-093](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF AMON BAKER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Austin requested addresses and contact information be included on the resume for the nominees.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:53 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Clint Hastings</i>	<i>Keeli Duncan</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Laura Adair</i>	<i>Rhonda Trumbla</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Kelli Myers</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>John Paden</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Martha Calico</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Nathan Barnard</i>
<i>Carolyn Allen</i>	<i>Amon Baker</i>	<i>Shawna Calico</i>
<i>Janie Dibble</i>	<i>Junior Littlejohn</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		