



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, June 19, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the May 15th regular session minutes.
Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker started the night with requesting a round of applause for Gayle Miller on the new flooring in the Chambers. He recognized the Cherokee Nation Youth Council in attendance tonight for observation as to how the government works. The Summer Intern Program participants were each requested to stand and introduce themselves. Chief Baker announced the recently held 13th Annual Community & Cultural Outreach Conference had nearly five-hundred community leaders in attendance. They hosted the TOSS conference at NSU with over one-hundred and fifty regional teachers share practices. Ten new projects were funded focused on

STEM curriculum and development. He announced a federal judge ruled on the seventy-six acre UKB case. An EPA grant in the amount of \$75,000 was secured to help implement our natural resources and environmental preservation goals. The new fleet service center is open and will manage all upkeep on the Cherokee Nation's fleet both tribally owned and GSA vehicles. The Remember the Removal Bike riders will return this Thursday. An all employee appreciation day will be held on June 30th. An At-Large community meeting will be held in Oklahoma City this week and in Washington D. C. this weekend. He requested a moment of silence to remember the Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden awarded Cherokee Veterans Fredrick Morrow, Granvill Murray and William Lawrie, Jr. all with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the financials for April and May. He provided an update on the major projects including the Sequoyah Cabin, Will Rogers Down, and the pool and spa at Hard Rock. Cherokee Nation Technologies was recently honored with a small business achievement award from the Department of Homeland Security. Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism will host free family friendly story telling events on Wednesdays in June at the Gazebo on the Cherokee National Capitol grounds. There is a new exhibit "The Pardoned" at the Cherokee Nation Prison museum. Mr. Slaton reported the employment numbers for the month with a total of 80.1% Native American employment. Councilor Lay inquired if there are plans for a permanent structure at the South Coffeyville casino.

Speaker Byrd took a moment to introduce Council members Jack D. Baker, Curtis Snell, David Thornton and Don Garvin who are termed out and were unable to seek re-election this cycle to the Youth Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Culture Committee

1. [17-062](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF THE SPAVINAW CREEK DAYS**
Sponsors: Harley Buzzard

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-038-17

2. [17-052](#) **ACT RELATING TO CEMETERIES PRESERVATION**
Sponsors: Jack D. Baker

Councilor Baker moved to approve by acclimation. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-17-17

Education Committee

3. [17-060](#) **ACT RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACT OF 2011 TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion by acclimation. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-18-17

Resource Committee

4. [17-053](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST**
Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.

Enactment No: R-039-17

5. [17-054](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST**

Sponsors: Curtis Snell

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-040-17

Rules Committee

6. [17-057](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF GLENDON K. WATKINS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd and Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis moved to approve with an amendment to change the term ending date to June of 2010. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-041-17

7. [17-063](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM COOPEDRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST (TSET) AND WAIVING IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOR PURPOSES OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-042-17

8. [17-058](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 68 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED, THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE**

Sponsors: Rex Jordan and Joe Byrd

Councilor Garvin moved to approve by acclamation. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-19-17

Executive and Finance Committee

9. [17-059](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 8b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the revised handout marked 8b. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-20-17

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker moved to amend the agenda to include two resolutions passed out of Community Service committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. [17-064](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY CHEROKEE NATION HUMAN SERVICES TO THE U.S. DHHS, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM, FOR VICTIM OF FAMILY VIOLENCE**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner, Frankie Hargis and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-043-17

11. [17-065](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONWIDE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner and Frankie Hargis

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-044-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard introduced his wife Cynthia. He announced the Spavinaw Creek days will be held beginning July 1st. The Huckleberry festival in Jay will be held over the 4th of July weekend. Also the Grove VFW will host an informative event on some current veteran issues on July 11th.

Councilor Walkingstick announced a community meeting on July 6th in Tailholt. He introduced Chelbie Turtle in attendance as the new Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Councilor Buzzard recognized Tommy Henson from Spavinaw as an active member

of the FFA and our Youth Council.

Speaker Byrd requested Ms. Lisa Trice Turtle announce the details of the Remember the Removal Bike Riders return this Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:45 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.