



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, September 10, 2018

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 Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the August 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker reported on yet another successful Cherokee National Holiday and gave appreciation to all of the employees who make it happen. He announced the receipt of a \$1.3ml grant from the Department of Transportation to purchase two new electric buses. Through funding from the Federal Transit Administration we will build several charging stations. They assisted the community of Ft. Gibson in dedicating a new water treatment plant. We will be hosting the 5th Annual Warrior Flight next week with ten veterans traveling to Washington D.C. The Cherokee At Large meetings will be held in Texas this weekend. He requested prayers for the Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians as they prepare for the hurricane. Chief Baker read a long list of Cherokees who we have lost over the past month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Veterans Billy Paul Kaiser, George Ricky Kaiser, Kenneth David Kaiser and William Wickliffe Jr. with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

Chief Baker requested former Council Member Barbara Starr Scott be remembered in prayers as he is dealing with a family tragedy.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the diversified businesses and the August financials. He thanked everyone who attended the topping out at Hard Rock last week. The Tahlequah Plaza will have a third party hotel. The construction has begun on the retail shopping center at the plaza. He announced joined with the Bass Masters to host at Tahlequah next May the Bass Masters Elite Series Fishing Tournament on Lake Ft. Gibson. The CNB Board approved the restoration project at the Saline Courthouse. The Cultural Tourism team is accepting grant applications for education tours for the fall semester. Cherokee Nation Businesses currently employees 3,352 Cherokee citizens and 305 other Native Americans for a total Native American employment of 3,557. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Lay requested an update on the new hiring, promotions and training guidelines. He requested the new policy be sent to the Speaker to be disseminated to the Council. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the Arkansas gaming.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [18-054](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - BECK'S MILL 40.02 ACRES IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-037-18

Rules Committee

2. [18-058](#) **A RESOLUTION ELECTING FRANKIE HARGIS TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: R-038-18

3. [18-059](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES SIMMONS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith, Bryan Warner, Frankie Hargis, Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Mike Dobbins, Wanda Hatfield, Dick Lay, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, Victoria Vazquez and David Walkingstick

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

Enactment No: R-039-18

4. [18-060](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DIANNA MAYFIELD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Janees Taylor, Frankie Hargis, Bryan Warner, E. O. "JR." Smith, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Mike Dobbins, Wanda Hatfield, Dick Lay, Mary Baker Shaw, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and David Walkingstick

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

Enactment No: R-040-18

5. [18-066](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHAWNA S. BAKER AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez, E. O. "JR." Smith, Bryan Warner, Janees Taylor, Wanda Hatfield and Keith Austin

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez read a statement into the record.

Councilor Dobbins moved to table back to Rules committee. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Yea: 9 - Buel Anglen;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Shawn Crittenden;Mike Shambaugh;Mike Dobbins;Mary Baker Shaw;Joe Byrd and Harley Buzzard

Nay: 8 - Rex Jordan;Bryan Warner ;Keith Austin;Wanda Hatfield;E. O. "JR." Smith;Janees Taylor;Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

Executive and Finance Committee

- 6. [18-061](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO ORCHARD ROAD COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

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

Enactment No: R-041-18

- 7. [18-062](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO ADAIR COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 7 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-042-18

- 8. [18-063](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO DELAWARE COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

Sponsors: Harley Buzzard

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 7 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-043-18

- 9. [18-064](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. NOWATA COUNTY**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 7 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-044-18

10. [18-065](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 12; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-20-18

11. [18-057c](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-21-18

12. [18-057o](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-22-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:41 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.