



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, May 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Taylor 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 April minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

*Chief Bill John Baker recognized Mr. Darren Delozier who presented a gift to him and the Council of a children's book "Koko's Christmas Blessing". Mr. Delozier gave background of himself and how the book came about as well as future plans. Chief Baker announced keys were given to eleven families in Vinita to new homes. Almost a half of a million dollars was given out to the one hundred and thirty one Northeast Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Departments during our annual appreciation dinner. Our First Responders' were assisted by our Behavioral Health Department through an opioid grant. House Bill 1334 we advocated for at the State Capitol, authored by our Chief of*

*Staff Chuck Hoskin, was signed into law allowing our school districts with excess land to transfer that land to tribal housing authorities. Chief Baker testified last week before the U.S. House Subcommittee on appropriations and health care funding, a potential joint venture with BIE for Sequoyah High School, and the incorrect decision to classify tribal government as a racial group which would jeopardize our Medicaid reimbursements. Chief Baker read a list of Cherokee's who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Veterans Johnny L. Callison, Thomas Franklin Conseen and Rudy L. Glass with the Cherokee Warrior Award.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

*Dr. Charles Grim reported last week was National Hospital week and National Nurses week. He read a list of the awards our staff has recently received. The Sam Hider Health Center is planning a kids powwow this fall. The Three Rivers Health Center is starting a community garden this week and sponsoring the Kay Lane Run. The Physical Therapy Department at The Vinita Health Center is planning a prevention program for ACL injuries. They will be getting a new facility at the Wilma P. Mankiller clinic.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the February and March financials. He provided an update on the current projects including the Sprung Structure at the Hard Rock, the Tahlequah Cherokee Plaza and the interior Supreme Capitol building renovation. He also provided updates on all of the current activities, projects, contracts and awards for our businesses. He proudly announced our gaming and hospitality division has been working on gaming opportunities outside of the fourteen counties and have partnered with the Kaw Nation in a consulting and developing contract for their new casino. Mr. Slaton provided the current employment numbers with an overall Native American employment percentage of 80.2%. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the contract with the Kaw Nation. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the status of the Arkansas casino proposal.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hargis made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution**

passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. [18-018](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to refer this resolution back to Resource Committee. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Resource Committee

1. [18-029](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF LAND FROM OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Sponsors:** Bryan Warner

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

Enactment No: R-018-18

##### Rules Committee

2. [18-031](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVEN E. BARRICK AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

**Sponsors:** E. O. "JR." Smith and Bryan Warner

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay opposed.

Enactment No: R-019-18

3. [18-034](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS THAT PRESERVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

**Sponsors:** Frankie Hargis, Rex Jordan, Bryan Warner, Victoria Vazquez, E. O. "JR." Smith and Keith Austin

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden opposed.

Enactment No: R-020-18

4. [18-026](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 AND TITLE 22 OF THE CHEROKEE CODE ANNOTATED RELATING TO THE SAFETY FOR NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN AND CREATING SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER NON-INDIAN DEFENDANTS**

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

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

Enactment No: LA-12-18

5. [18-027](#) **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

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

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

Enactment No: LA-13-18

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [18-033](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 8A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick requested additional information pertaining to the addition of the attorney for the Treasurer. The motion carried by acclamation.**

Enactment No: LA-14-18

7. [18-035](#) **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR ch. IX (04/01/2003 edition) 1003.604 Citizen Participation**

**Sponsors:** Frankie Hargis

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

Enactment No: R-021-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Speaker Byrd announced on June 18th during our Tri Council meetings the play/documentary Sovereignty will be performed. He requested Candice Byrd give an overview of the play.*

*Councilor Crittenden announced the formation of a work group pertaining to the UKB and requested membership of those interested.*

*Councilor Buzzard announced this Friday and Saturday a block party will be held for the Spavinaw Youth Center.*

*Councilor Smith announced a community meeting at Braggs on June 4th.*

*Councilor Warner announced Sequoyah Day will be held at Sequoyah's Cabin this Saturday.*

*Councilor Austin announced Mr. Delozier will be available after the meeting to sign this book.*

*Speaker Byrd recognized CNB Board Member Jerry Holderby in attendance.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:56 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.