



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, May 13, 2019

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

**Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
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; Harley Buzzard and Canaan Duncan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Bill John Baker announced following this Council meeting the Volunteer Fire Fighters Banquet will be held in the New Tahlequah casino. This will be the first event held in the conference center at Cherokee Springs. This Thursday will be the official ribbon cutting of the Tahlequah casino. Earlier this month the Cherokee Nation became the second tribe to become a Purple Heart Nation. On May 20th we will break ground for the OSU medical college located on the W. W. Hastings campus here in Tahlequah. On May 9th they attended a ceremony to honor Native American students graduating from OSU Tulsa Medical School, five of those were Cherokee. He*

*publically thanked Lacey Horn for her service and expertise in her role as our Treasurer for the past eight years. Chief Baker read a list of Cherokees who we have lost over the last month and then requested a moment of silence.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

**Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Veterans John R. Carleton, Ralph A. Feather, and James D. Roe with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.**

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

*Speaker Byrd and the Council honored Barbara McAlister with a blanket weaved by Dorothy Ice. Speaker Byrd read about her background and accomplishments. Ms. McAlister spoke of her career and teaching. She requested one of her current students sing for everyone.*

*Speaker Byrd and the Council also recognized, Lacey Horn, our Treasurer over the last eight years and presented her with a woven blanket made by Dorothy Ice and a necklace.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported they are ahead of last year financially. He provided an update on the exterior renovation of the Hard Rock Casino. The Tahlequah casino was a huge success last week. The Bass Master Tournament weigh in scheduled at the Tahlequah casino have been postponed until September due to the flooding. The ribbon cutting for the Tahlequah casino will be held this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. A new digital exhibit "The end of the Trail and the Founding of Park Hill" is available at the John Ross Museum. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to include two resolutions passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

2. [19-028](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES, TO APPLY FOR SMALL AMBULATORY PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF CHEROKEE NATION TO CONSTRUCT AMBULATORY FACILITIES AT THE WILMA P. MANKILLER HEALTH CENTER SITE.**
- Sponsors:**      Canaan Duncan, Shawn Crittenden, Rex Jordan and Mike Shambaugh
- Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-022-19
3. [19-031](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - WILL ROGERS HEALTH CENTER**
- Sponsors:**      Dick Lay
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-023-19

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [19-026](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 0 MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**      Janees Taylor
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: LA-07-19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:41 p.m.**

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