



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Tuesday, August 15, 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 Lay gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Speaker Byrd welcomed the new Tribal Council members.

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 July 10th minutes as submitted.
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker welcomed the new Council members. He announced the situation with the Cherokee Promise Scholarships has been rectified. They have worked with the BIA to put 240 acres of Cherokee land in Ochelata, which includes the clinic, in trust status. They have completed another successful year of the Summer Youth Program. He congratulated Deputy Chief Crittenden for being named the NSU Distinguished Alumni this year. He recognized Councilor Bryan Warner for being appointed to a Tribal Advisory Committee for the Centers for Disease Control. The Cherokee Language

Department has revised a Cherokee story to include the eclipse. A watch party for the eclipse will be held on August 21st at the One Fire Field. Our 65th Cherokee National Holiday is fast approaching. Chief Baker gave an update on the Complex renovations. He read a long list of passings over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Veteran Warriors Darin Lee McCarty, Jack Henry Shamblin and Wayne Gilbert Kellerman with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported for Mr. Slaton. He reported on the May 2017 financials and employment statistics. They currently have an 80% total Native American employment. Tomorrow there will be a press release regarding their partnership with the Tulsa Area Chamber of Commerce and the recruitment of a Wisconsin based mega air conditioning manufacturing company. The Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People have received two Emmy awards this year.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include 4 items passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resource Committee

1. [17-056](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO THE ONE FIRE ASSOCIATION (KENWOOD COMMUNITY BUILDING AND BALL FIELDS) CONTAINING 11.81 ACRES M/L**

Sponsors: Curtis Snell

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-049-17

2. [17-074](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST**

Sponsors: Curtis Snell

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-050-17

Rules Committee

3. [17-070](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS MERRELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sponsors: Keith Austin

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

Enactment No: R-051-17

4. [17-075](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DENNIS DARREN DELOZIER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-052-17

5. [17-076](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VYRL KEETER AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION TREASURES PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Rex Jordan, Frankie Hargis, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Wanda Hatfield, Curtis Snell, David Thornton, Bryan Warner, David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden made a motion to table. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. The motion failed with only Councilors Anglen, Buzzard and Crittenden in favor of tabling.

Enactment No: R-053-17

The motion to approve carried without opposition.

Enactment No: R-053-17

6. [17-077](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VIVIAN COTTRELL AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Frankie Hargis, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Wanda Hatfield, Curtis Snell, David Thornton, Bryan Warner, David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden made a motion to table. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. The motion failed with only Councilors Anglen, Buzzard and Crittenden in favor of tabling.

Enactment No: R-054-17

The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-054-17

7. [17-078](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JANICE PURCELL AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Frankie Hargis, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Wanda Hatfield, Curtis Snell, David Thornton, Bryan Warner, Keith Austin and David Walkingstick

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Lay and Crittenden opposing and Councilor Buzzard abstaining.

Enactment No: R-055-17

8. [17-079](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TINA GLORY JORDAN AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Frankie Hargis, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Wanda Hatfield, Curtis Snell, David Thornton, Bryan Warner, Keith Austin and David Walkingstick

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Buzzard and Crittenden opposed and Councilor Jordan abstaining.

Enactment No: R-056-17

9. [17-080](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner, Frankie Hargis, Curtis Snell, Janees Taylor and Rex Jordan

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-22-17

Executive and Finance Committee

10. [17-081](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ROADS DEPARTMENT TO DONATE EQUIPMENT TO THE BARON BAPTIST CHURCH IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

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

Enactment No: R-057-17

11. [17-082](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-23-17

12. [17-083](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 10a: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve Mod 10a as revised. Councilor Vazquez

seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-24-17

13. [17-086](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

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

Enactment No: R-058-17

14. [17-087](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

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

Enactment No: R-059-17

15. [17-088](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

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

Enactment No: R-060-17

16. [17-085](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION BY CHEROKEE NATION HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING, TITLE VI EVALUATION GRANT

Sponsors: Bryan Warner and Dick Lay

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

Enactment No: R-061-17

SWEARING IN OF THE SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

Chief Justice Garrett performed the swearing in of Speaker Byrd and Deputy Speaker Vazquez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Warner recognized our Public Health Group and Lisa Pivec for their accomplishments and presentation at the CDC.

Councilor Walkingstick commented on the upcoming Cherokee National Holiday weekend.

Speaker Byrd welcomed the new Council and gave appreciation for allowing him to be Speaker of the Council for another term.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:48 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.