



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, January 14, 2019

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 Hatfield gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - 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 and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the December 17th minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden announced Chief Baker is attending the events surrounding the inauguration of Governor Kevin Stitt. He stated the State of the Nation will be suspended to allow additional time to honor fourteen veterans. Deputy read a list of Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence in remembrance.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden recognized Veterans Terry J. Thompson, Jimmy A. McGrath, Noah Welch, Robert E. Teague, John J. Kidwell, Russell A. Smith, Clifford L. Bark, Everett W. Sims, Ruben D. Talley, Weston L. Henson, Raymond H. Buzzard Jr., Jeffery S. Conseen, and Anthony A. King.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported the businesses have finished the first quarter of fiscal year 2019 very strong. They are tracking just under budget. He reported on the mailer sent out from the businesses in an effort to recruit for the businesses and the health care system. The new gaming floor and music venue at Hard Rock is scheduled to open February 1st. The exterior is scheduled for a facelift at the Hard Rock. Tahlequah is on track for a May 1st opening. Newk's Eatery is scheduled to open on February 1st. Osiyo TV is now showing statewide in Arkansas. Mr. Slaton gave an employment update with a total Native American percentage of 78.7%. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Lay requested further clarification on the mail outs. He inquired how the list for the mailing was compiled. Councilor Shaw requested an update on the gaming in Arkansas. Councilor Lay requested a copy of the mailer be provided to the Council office and he also requested additional clarification on gaming in Polk County, Arkansas.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [18-084](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS CARTER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve with a correction of the term date. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-001-19

- 2. [18-085](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. ROGER MONTGOMERY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

Sponsors: Mary Baker Shaw and Mike Dobbins

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay opposed.

Enactment No: R-002-19

Executive and Finance Committee

- 3. [18-087](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A TRIBAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF PLAN) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF A TRIBAL TANF PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor, Keith Austin and Rex Jordan

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-003-19

- 4. [18-090](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO TRI-COUNTY (W.E.B.) ASSOCIATION IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

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

Enactment No: R-004-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd announced Mr. Rob Daugherty has announced this two week notice here at the Cherokee Nation. He gave appreciation to all of his service and presented him with a new golf bag.

Councilor Buzzard gave appreciation to all of the veterans today. He commented on the 21 people present from Spavinaw.

Councilor Warner announced the Brushy Community Center is first come first serve give away of coats, boots etc on Saturday, January 26th. Speaker Byrd requested appreciation to Barbara Foreman from the Veteran's Center.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Anglen moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:54 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.