



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Thursday, November 13, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr.; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the October 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to add items 14 through 20 which passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Baker took a moment to recognize all of the veterans in attendance.*

*He also introduced seven World War II Veterans who were part of the first Cherokee Warrior Flight to Washington D.C. This month has been dedicated to the new Jack Brown Drug Abuse Center. They teamed up with the U.S. Department of Interior to restore one-hundred acres of abandoned coal mine land in Sequoyah County. A one stop shop was opened in Sallisaw for car tags, Career Services and Indian Child Welfare. A grant was received from the U.S. Department of Justice for more than \$880,000 to help full fill the mission of the Charles L. Head One Fire Against Victim Services. Special recognition was recently given to six Cherokee Nation nurses who were recipients of the Top 100 nurses in Oklahoma. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for the long list of Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden recognized Veterans S. Joe Linder, Frank Whitlock and Charles Rowels.*

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Little Miss Cherokee Ashley Sutton in attendance tonight.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper the next board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20th. He provided an update on the Negotiated Rule Making Committee meetings. He commented they are working hard to make sure the NAHASDA reauthorization takes place before Congress adjourns. He reported they have recently realigned some of their services to better serve in the outlying areas. All of his front line staff will be attending mandatory customer service training. He invited the Council to attend their all employee Christmas gathering on the 18th. He requested personal notification to him in regard to upcoming community meetings in which the Housing Authority's presence is requested. He stated they continue to assist over 6,000 families on a monthly basis with some sort of housing assistance.*

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the September results and the 2014 year end. They contributed \$277,000 to the Nation in tax collections for the month. He gave updates on the four current clinic projects in Sallisaw, Ochelata, Stilwell and Jay. The hospital is under design. An update was also given on the Roland and South Coffeyville casino projects. Out Post #1 here at the complex is going to be rebuilt. He announced they were able to work with Sequoyah High School and provide new commercial washer and dryers for the dorms. He provided an update on the project*

completed at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko. They will be hosting a luncheon next week to celebrate the ten years since the passage of State Question 712. The topping out ceremony at the Jay clinic will be held at 2:00 on Wednesday. This Thursday at the Hard Rock will be a boxing event with Wes Nofire. Saturday, November 15th is Rock your Moc's Day. They currently have 6049 employees at CNB with a Cherokee percentage of 74.7, other Native Americans at 7.6% for a total combined Native American employment of 82.3%. He commented on the many CNB Board members here this evening for re-confirmation to the board.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [14-097](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES AMOS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
  
 Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.
  
2. [14-098](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. ANTHONY YATES AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**  
  
 Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
  
3. [14-099](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WATKINS, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**  
  
 Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilors Lay, Fullbright, Taylor, and Thornton requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.
  
4. [14-100](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BUCK CHARLES GEORGE, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**  
  
 Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilors Lay and Taylor requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.
  
5. [14-101](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BOB BERRY, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**  
  
 Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilors Walkingstick, Fullbright, Lay, Taylor, Thornton, Vazquez, Byrd, and

Snell requested to be added as sponsors. After a few comments were made the motion to approve carried with Councilors Coates, Cowan Watts and Keener opposed.

6. [14-102](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BRENT TAYLOR, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Councilors Lay, Fullbright, Walkingstick, Vazquez, Byrd and Snell requested to be added as sponsors. After comments were made the motion to approve carried with Councilors Coates, Cowan Watts and Keener opposing and Councilor Taylor abstaining.

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7. [14-103](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HAROLD "SAM" RAY HART, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Councilors Lay, Fullbright, Taylor, Thornton, Walkingstick, Snell, Byrd, and Vazquez requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

8. [14-104](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GARY COOPER, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Fullbright, Lay, Walkingstick, Taylor, Thornton, Snell, Vazquez, and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. After comments were made the motion to approve carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

9. [14-105](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPONTMENT OF JERRY HOLDERBY, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilors Byrd, Lay, Fullbright, Taylor, Snell, Garvin, and Vazquez requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

10. [14-106](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEACON TURNER, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Councilors Baker, Lay, Taylor, Fullbright, Vazquez, Byrd and Snell requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

11. [14-107](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MAXIE THOMPSON AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilors Byrd, Snell, Fullbright, Vazquez and Walkingstick requested to be added as sponsors. After questions were asked the motion to approve carried with Councilors Cowan Watts, Keener and Coates opposed.

Executive and Finance Committee

12. [14-095](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM TO DONATE SURPLUS REAL ESTATE INCLUDING A REPLACEMENT HOME TO SUSAN L. BROWN IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
- Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
13. [14-096](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.
14. [14-112](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LYNN BURRIS AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilors Lay, Byrd, Vazquez, Snell, Fullbright, Thornton, Walkingstick, and Garvin requested to be added as sponsors. After comments were made the motion to approve carried with no opposition.
15. [14-115](#)      **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHEROKEE NATION'S PROMISE ZONE APPLICATION**
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
16. [14-114](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MOFFETT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
- Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
17. [14-113](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 3a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.
18. [14-111](#)      **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS ACT OF 2014**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

19. [14-108](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TRUST LAND TO CHARLES STILWELL IN FEE**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Byrd requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried with Councilors Cowan Watts, Garvin, Keener and Lay abstaining.

20. [14-109](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION'S APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP INTO THE INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL**

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Garvin introduced Maxine Harshaw and Pastor Barrett in attendance.*

*Councilor Hargis announced they would be having a community meeting on Thursday the 20th at the Stilwell High School cafeteria.*

*Speaker Glory Jordan recognized Kevin Felts in attendance that recently sent some veterans to the OU vs. Texas game.*

*Councilor Coates introduced At Large citizen Brandon Caruso from Los Angeles.*

*Councilor Garvin recognized the Veterans on the Council.*

*Speaker Glory Jordan gave appreciation for those who stayed through the long meeting this evening.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:41 p.m.**

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