



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, October 21, 2013

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 15 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk;
Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David
Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor;
Harley Buzzard and Jack D. Baker

Absent 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 11

Councilor Taylor introduced our newly elected District 11 Councilor Victoria Mitchell Vazquez. She will be sworn in tomorrow. Speaker Glory Jordan announced the swearing in would be at 5:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers with a reception following.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Byrd moved to approve the September 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Lay moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution for compact health services for Craig County and Cherokees only in Rogers and North Tulsa Counties. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker provided an update of the events held at NCAI last week at Hard Rock Casino and Resort. Deputy Chief Crittenden was re-elected to Regional Vice President of NCAI. He announced they are collecting memorabilia honoring veterans for the new Veterans Center. He announced they opened the Charles L. Head One Fire wing in Tulsa. We were able to assist with Oaks in their waste water project. The Sequoyah High School football players who were penalized by the OSSAA were vindicated by the State Supreme Court. He reported the Veronica Brown saga has come to a sad end but she will always be in the hearts of Cherokees. Three Cherokee citizens, Ross Swimmer, Jack D. Baker and Betty Starr Barker, were among the fifty Native Americans honored recently at the AARP of Oklahoma. Legislation for consideration today will give the Cherokees an opportunity to compact for all of Craig County Native American outpatient contract health. It will also compact for all Cherokees in Northern Tulsa and Rogers County.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Veterans Lacy Backward, Jeff Simpson and Randy Thomas.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker requested a moment to recognize those citizens who we have lost over the last month. He requested a moment of silence to remember those lost.

Councilor Byrd commented he gave a Comanche Code Talkers book to our Registration Department to validate the approximate forty Cherokees within the book. He requested research and the possibility of honoring our code talkers. Chief Baker commented he would pass the information along to Molly Jarvis of our Cultural Tourism Department.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported he attended the second Negotiated Rule Making Committee where they passed the protocols and developed work groups to work on several items. The Housing Authority board meeting was held last Tuesday. The November board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th. A special board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon for the commissioners training. The National Indian Housing Council is on site at the Housing Authority this week conducting trainings. The Housing Authority provides housing assistance of some type to approximately six-thousand families. Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update on the Stilwell site. Councilor Byrd requested the Housing Authority's attendance at their community meeting next Monday night. He inquired as to the number of homes built to date.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported the companies are strong and they have had a great year. Their tax collections exceeded \$300,000 for the first time. He provided an update on the clinic projects. The Journal Record honored Cheryl Coenhour with a 2013 Fifty Making a Difference award. Courtney Roark Thompson was named to the Native American Forty Under Forty List. The Cherokee Nation Communications Department requested he announced they have launched a multi-media newsroom. The Hard Rock hosted the 8th Annual Art Market. The CNB employees donated over 2,000 school supplies to ten schools throughout the Cherokee Nation and participated in the Illinois River cleanup day. Their current employment is 4,489 with 74.6% Cherokee, 7.4% other Native American with a total Native American employment of 82%. Councilor Byrd commented on the need to tell our Cherokee story and gave congratulations on the Cherokee hiring percentage. Mr. Slaton announced the government shutdown will have an approximate impact of \$600,000 to \$700,000 to their bottom line. Councilor Garvin inquired about our new competition coming soon. Councilor Fishinghawk stated she is very proud to say three of our four employees are Cherokee.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [13-114](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY2014 FUNDING FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

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

Enactment No: R-077-13

2. [13-115](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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

Enactment No: R-078-13

Rules Committee

3. [13-117](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERTA GIBSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilors Keener, Taylor, Lay, Glory Jordan, Fullbright, Garvin, Snell, and Hargis requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried. Ms. Gibson gave a few comments of appreciation.

Enactment No: R-079-13

4. [13-119](#) **A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR THE SWEARING-IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 11**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Speaker Glory Jordan announced the swearing in is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-080-13

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [13-120](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 OPERATING - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-25-13

3. [13-117](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERTA GIBSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Unsure if a vote was taken Speaker Glory Jordan requested a re-vote. The motion was made by Councilor Byrd and seconded by Councilor Walkingstick. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-079-13

6. [13-121](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 CAPITAL - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-26-13
7. [13-126](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMPACT FOR CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES FOR CRAIG COUNTY AND CHEROKEES ONLY IN ROGERS AND NORTH TULSA COUNTY**
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. After several comments were made the motion to approve carried.
- Enactment No: R-081-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

Councilor Garvin announced tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. he will be hosting a community meeting at the Three Rivers Clinic.

Councilor Walkingstick announced next Monday night on the 28th at 5:30 Districts 1, 2 and 3 will have a community meeting at the Tahlequah Community Meeting.

Councilor Lay announced November 7th a community meeting will be held at the Nowata Fairgrounds from 1-8 p.m. and on the 14th in Ochelata from 1-8 p.m.

Councilor Fullbright announced October 24th from 1-8 they would have photo I.D. day at the Sallisaw Fairgrounds.

Councilor Keener announced on October 29th they would have a town hall at the Rogers County fairgrounds. He congratulated the Sequoyah Middle School for their win in the Language Bowl.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:06 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.