



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Meredith Frailey, Speaker*

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Monday, May 16, 2011

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meredith Frailey  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Frailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Cobb gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden; Bradley Cobb; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan and Bill John Baker

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Cobb moved to approve the April 11th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chad Smith  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Chad Smith requested a moment of silence for our Cherokee friends and family who have passed over the last month. The veteran's honored were Carl Guthrie and brothers John and Darrell Parks. In program new and service updates he announced the grand opening was held for the new dental clinic at the Salina health center. The Cherokee Nation Women, Infants and Children's Program will open an education center for new mothers. The Cherokee Nation Emergency Medical Services has received another three year accreditation with a perfect score. Leach Public Schools now has running water with thanks to the hundreds of hours of work by community volunteers. Six Sequoyah Seniors were named Gates*

*Millennium scholars. Since 1999 there have been forty-four Sequoyah graduates to receive the Gates Millennium scholarship. He announced we would host an Echo-biology Conference on Thursday, May 19th and Friday, May 20th. This week the Cherokee Nation Elder Care will host their 4th Annual Open House to celebrate Older Americans Month on Friday, May 20th from 10:00 to noon. Applications are still being accepted for Camp Cherokee. The Education Department's Robotic themed float took second place in the Stilwell Strawberry Festival parade. Chief Smith introduced two young men who have achieved the honor of Eagle Scout, Christian Considine and Mark Hudnall.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland reported the Housing Authority board meeting for May has been cancelled as they are shy one commissioner. They received twelve FEMA trailers from Hope, Arkansas over the last thirty days. These trailers have been used as replacement homes for the elderly, disabled and handicapped families. He stated he still is trying to obtain additional FEMA trailers from Cookson Hill Community Action. They have received approximately one dozen inquiries about housing rehab as a result of the high waters. No damage has been reported to the homes and apartments still under the Housing Authority management.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart commented due to the collapse of a portion of the casino at Hard Rock and another casino without customers for a week the financial results for February weren't very good but they are seeing good results in March and April. The financial statements do not include the business interruption insurance. The companies are doing well financially. The Logistics Group operated by Russell Claybrook, a Cherokee, just received notification from the SBA that would receive a \$50ml addition to the Huntsville contract. CCRC was awarded the SBA Prime Contractor Award. The Jobs Well Done program is a collaboration of the companies where all job posting are done in one central location. The program also consists of internships, apprenticeship and job placement policies for the people that come on board. This is the first month the Day Work program was part of CNE. This program is in its infancy and notification of its progress will be given. The current Cherokee employment numbers are 59% with total Native at 70%. Upon research of they have discovered approximately 85% of their total employees are impacting the Cherokee people.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend the agenda to include three items passed out of Reource committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [11-060](#)      **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZING THE CHOICE OF LAW AND CHOICE OF VENUE CLAUSE, AS IT APPLIES TO THE OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY AND CHEROKEE NATION SOONERCARE GENERAL PROVIDER AGREEMENT**  
  
A motion was made by Councilor Bradley Cobb, seconded by Councilor Cara Cowan Watts, that this matter be Approved . The motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote  
  
Enactment No: R-43-11
  
2. [11-061](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR MICROSOFT LANGUAGE LOCALIZATION PROJECT**  
  
Councilor Coates moved to approve. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-44-11
  
3. [11-064](#)      **A LEGISLATIVE ACT REPEALING LA#30-89, LA#9-90, LA#1-94, R#126-95, LA#29-03, LA#37-03, LA#44-04, LA#20-06, AND LA#15-07, RELATING TO GAMING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
  
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.  
  
Enactment No: LA-10-11
  
4. [11-065](#)      **A RESOLUTION HONORING RON COOPER FOR HIS TRIBUTE TO THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE IN RETRACING THEIR STEPS ALONG THE TRAIL OF TEARS**  
  
Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-45-11

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [11-059](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-11-11
6. [11-068](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT**
- Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-46-11
7. [11-069](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT**
- Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-47-11
8. [11-072](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-ENERGY AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
- Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-48-11

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Speaker Frailey announced the Locust Grove high school boys are the State Champions in 4A baseball. There are eight Cherokee Gates scholars at Locust Grove high school this year.*

*Speaker Frailey requested the candidates in the audience introduce themselves. Those present were: Bob Stover, Pamela Iron, Junior Sierra, Jackie Bob Martin and John McCrary.*

*Councilor Thornton announced his granddaughter, a seventh grader at Vian, is enrolled in the Technology Student Association. She competed at regionals and won first place then competed at State and won first place in communication and first place in invention.*

*Councilor Fishinghawk announced her son, Hunter Fishinghawk, placed first in State and will compete at Nationals in structural engineering in June.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:40 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on June 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.