



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, April 12, 2021

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

INVOCATION

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion, The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin passed out the first mask made in the Cherokee Nation by the Cherokee Nation in our PPE facility. Since we last met the application of the Oklahoma Criminal Appeals of the McGirt decision to the Cherokee Nation reservation and its opportunities and challenges. McGirt decision now applies to all Five Civilized Tribes. He reported on the criminal justice needed to defend, rehabilitate and protect our citizens. Our vaccine effort continues which is now open to anyone over the age of 16 years of age. Videos are now out providing answers to questions surrounding the COVID vaccines. The Cherokee Nation staff has returned with the mask mandate

remaining. Chief gave appreciation to the Council for the approval of the Public Health and Wellness Fund. Last week \$6.3ml was issued to 107 public schools throughout our reservation boundaries. He reported on the Veterans Housing Program where twenty-one homes will be constructed in a partnership with the military and the Housing Authority. Lastly he reported on the clean annual audit of the Cherokee Nation.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the gaming and hospitality continues to recover from the COVID pandemic. They are still operating under the responsible protocols. Cherokee Federal continues on a record pace. The CNB employee health center is scheduled to open April 19th. He provided an update on the COVID vaccines and announced a vaccine clinic open to the public on April 17th in Roland. Mr. Garrett reported the Cherokee Nation National Research Center Archives will open later this year at the Cherokee Springs Plaza. The Cherokee Heritage Center is closed at this time as they work on a strategic plan. In regard to Cultural Tourism, the art and cultural pathway in downtown Tahlequah between the museums. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw inquired about the timeline for the Joint reopening. Speaker Byrd inquired about the area competition already hosting events. He inquired about a new tenant at the former Toby Keith's location. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on non-preference companies we own and if there are other companies under those non-preference companies. He requested a list of all of the LLC's owned by the CNB.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [21-022](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RON AMOS AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: Keith Austin, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, Rex Jordan, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh and Mary Baker Shaw

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

Enactment No: R-017-21

2. [21-023](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY YATES AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sponsors: Keith Austin, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski, Wes Nofire, Mike Shambaugh and Mary Baker Shaw

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

Enactment No: R-018-21

3. [21-025](#)

WILMA P. MANKILLER AND CHARLIE SOAP WATER ACT

Sponsors: Shawn Crittenden, Canaan Duncan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Mike Dobbins, Janees Taylor, Joe Deere, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Daryl Legg and Harley Buzzard

Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-15-21

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [21-027](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-16-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Austin commented one year ago today Mr. Ron Amos began his battle with COVID. He was hospitalized for over 100 days. Today he is back on his feet.

Councilor Nofire congratulated Cherokee citizen, Jason Christie, on the Bass Masters.

Councilor Duncan commented on the passage of the Wilma P. Mankiller and Charlie Soap Water Act.

Councilor Shambaugh gave kudos to the Marshal Service who had a long search for two fugitives wanted on a homicide. These Marshals weren't home for eight days. The last time the Marshals arrested someone on this type of warrant was in 1902.

Following several Councilors announcing the passing of Cherokee citizens, Speaker Byrd requested a moment of silence.

Speaker Byrd announced the May meetings will be either on the 10th or 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duncan made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:50 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.