



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, January 13, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; 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

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Snell moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed earlier out of the Resource committee. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried as new business item #4.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Bill John Baker provided an update on the Macy's project and commented it would provide 1,000 jobs in the Owasso area. The ground breaking

was held for the Ochelata clinic. The Cherokee language is now available on all Microsoft web aps. A new five year agreement was signed last week with the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs to continue our self-governance. Last week we expanded the hearing aid program to provide two hearing aids to Cherokee citizens at no cost. Our Resource Department has joined the Inter Tribal Buffalo Council. The Cherokee heritage seed bank is growing in popularity and available at this time. Ribbon cuttings will be held at the Food Distribution Center in Collinsville and at the CDC in Stilwell this week. Our Marshal Service will be able to add three additional staff with a Department of Justice Grant. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month.

Chief Baker requested Don Stroud of the Cherokee Nation Color Guard come down for a special presentation. Mr. Stroud presented Miss Cherokee Julie Thornton with a feather cape and a fresh water pearl and copper necklace. He commended Miss Cherokee for donating her hair to Locks for Love.

Chief Baker announced the ground breaking at the Jay Clinic will be on January 27th.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Joe Crittenden presented Cherokee Warrior Awards to the widow of Lincoln Adair and to Kenneth McCurry Sr.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Councilor Fishinghawk announced Mr. Cooper is attending a Regional Housing Meeting and will not be able to report this evening.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton provided an update on the financials and commended the staff for their efforts during the recent snow storms and the New Year's Eve celebration. The Roland Casino was shut down for a day due to the snow and ice load on the roof. They received the contract from Macys last week. Cherokee Technology Solutions received a \$40ml contact that supports Armed Forced Services Surveillance Center. The current employment for CNB is 4,500 with 74% Cherokee and 81.7% Native American. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the purchase of properties here in Tahlequah. She inquired as to the relationship with Arrowhead Group LLC in Grove.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [13-135](#) **A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARY KAY HENDERSON**

Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. Speaker Glory Jordan read the resolution honoring Mary K. Henderson. Councilor Garvin presented Ms. Henderson with a plaque and a Pendleton blanket. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-001-14

2. [13-134](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CAROLE RICHMOND AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors with the exception of Councilor Coates. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-002-14

3. [13-118](#) **A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE PLACEMENT PREFERENCES OF INDIAN CHILDREN**

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

Enactment No: R-003-14

4. [13-139](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT FOR THE LEAD BASED PAINT AND ASBESTOS CLEANUP AT THE MALE SEMINARY PROPERTY**

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

Enactment No: R-004-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Garvin introduced his cousin in attendance.

Councilor Byrd recognized Diane Kelley and Speaker Glory Jordan for their birthdays today. He requested Ms. Henderson lead them in singing Happy Birthday upon the completion of the announcements.

Councilor Fullbright announced on the 18th the Registration Department will be in Roland from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the school.

Councilor Walkingstick introduced his Mother in attendance.

Councilor Taylor announced the photo ids will be in Pryor on the 23rd from 4-8 at the community building.

Councilor Vazquez announced in Vinita at the Cherokee Health Clinic from 4-8 they will have the photo ids on the 28th.

Ms. Henderson led everyone in singing Happy Birthday in Cherokee.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:00 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.