



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Tuesday, February 16, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the January 11th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker announced the Public School Appreciation day was recently held where over \$4.7ml was distributed from our tag revenues. We rallied around the river flood victims of Chewey in their time of devastation. He commented on our financial rating status. We have partnered with the City of Tahlequah to assist in the demolition of some old houses along the creek. A new statue was dedicated at the Wilma P. Mankiller Clinic made from a North Carolina maple tree. The income tax preparation program is in full swing. Coming up on February 23rd is Cherokee Nation Legislative Day in Oklahoma City. He read a very long list of Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month and requested a moment of silence in their remembrance.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Warrior Veterans Buffalo Whitekiller, Mickey Ralph Berry, George Cochran, and Jerry Martin McDonald.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the next board meeting will be held on February 29th at noon. He provided an update on the negotiated rule making sessions. He gave highlights from the National Indian American Housing Council Legislative Conference he attended last week. HUD is getting closer to announcing their new deputy assistant secretary for the office of Native American Programs. He gave a brief overview of the newly released Presidents budget from the White House. The Housing Authority continues to assist over 6,800 families monthly with some type of housing service. As of the end of November the Housing Authority has 177 employees with 96% of those being Cherokee. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported in the absence of Mr. Slaton. He reported on the financials from November of 2015 as well as the monthly tax collections paid to the Nation. The current employment at CNB is 6,501, 4,639 when the contract and temporary employees are excluded and of those 73.2% are Cherokee, 8% are other Native American for a total of 81.2% Native American employment. The Native American youth are invited to participate in the 2016 Art Market Youth competition from April 8th to May 7th. On February 20th there will be an Escape from Prison event at the Cherokee Nation Prison Museum. Cherokee Nation Advocate Day will be held March 1st at the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Museum. Mr. Garrett offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [16-001](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

**(BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S
INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Rules Committee

2. [16-003](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOHN SPARKS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion.
The motion carried with Councilor Lay opposed. Mr. Sparks was given a moment to address the Council.
3. [16-004](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHAUN SHEPHERD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried with Councilors Lay, Anglen and Buzzard opposed. Mr. Shepherd was given a moment to address the Council.
4. [16-005](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF FANNIE E. ROBINSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION**

Councilor Hatfield moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried. Ms. Robinson was given a moment to address the Council.
5. [16-006](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO AFFIRMATION AND CODIFICATION OF LAWS AND STATUTES OF CHEROKEE NATION**

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried by acclamation.

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [16-007](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NOWATA CHEROKEES IN NOWATA COUNTY**

Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-006-16

7. [16-008](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO REDBIRD STOMP GROUNDS IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. [16-009](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN DELAWARE COUNTY**
Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. [16-010](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO 51 WEST FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ADAIR COUNTY**
Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-009-16
10. [16-011](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BRUSHY CHEROKEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. [16-012](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
12. [16-013](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO STOKES STOMP GROUNDS IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
13. [16-014](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BELFONTE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
Councilor Lay moved to approve items 6 through 13 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. [16-015](#) **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHEROKEE NATION'S PROMISE ZONE APPLICATION**

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

15. [16-016](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

16. [16-017](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include an item passed out of Education & Culture committee earlier today. Councilor Baker seconded the motion.

17. [16-018](#) **A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE DEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE CHEROKEE NATION'S JURISDICTIONAL AREA**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Baker offered a friendly amendment to strike "fourteen county" throughout the resolution. The friendly was accepted. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Garvin introduced Mr. Viryl Keeter in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:48 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on March 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.