



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, March 14, 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 Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 15 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

Absent 2 - Harley Buzzard and Rex Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the February 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker commented on the blessing of having the college volunteers during spring break here at the complex and at the Head Start. He announced we have signed a joint venture with IHS that opens the way to build a 450,000 square foot clinic at W.W. Hastings hospital along with operational funding. The housing program has been reorganized placing the Housing Rehab under the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation. We have secured an \$800,000 HUD grant for more home rehab for the elders and disabled. Elven Cherokee Marshals were deputized as U.S. Marshals recently which is the largest number in more than one

hundred years. The 3rd anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act was celebrated recently here at the Nation. He gave special recognition to the Head of the Indian Health Service in Washington D. C. as she is a Cherokee citizen. He gave updates on the local school athletic programs. Chief Baker read a 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

Secretary of State, Chuck Hoskin Jr., presented the Cherokee Warrior Veteran Awards in the absence of Deputy Chief Crittenden. Secretary Hoskin Jr. recognized veterans James Jonathon Cooper, John Dustin Howard and Charlie Curtis Jones.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced their next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24th at 5:30. He reminded everyone the Housing Authority will be closed on March 25th in observance of Good Friday. One week ago today the Housing Rehab Department transferred to the Housing Authority. He provided an update on the employees and services included within the transfer of that department. The Housing Authority has a monthly impact to over 6,000 Cherokee families with assistance through their various programs and services. As of March 1st they have 179 employees with 96% Cherokee employment and a 98% Native American employment. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported on the financials for January. He recognized the top volunteers at CNB for the year. He announced Cherokee Cultural Tourism is accepting grant applications for spring education tours. Mr. Garrett reported of the 4,908 employees 73.1% are Cherokee citizens, 8.2% are Native American and a total of 81.2% total Native American employment. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include 3 resolutions passed out of Community Service committee, 1 passed out of Education & Culture committee and 3 passed out of Resource committee earlier today. These items would be under new business as items 9-15. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [16-002](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF CHARLES T. HOSKIN JR., AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. After brief comments from Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. he was sworn in by Justice John Garrett.

2. [16-019](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JACK L. SPEARS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Councilor David Walkingstick, seconded by Deputy Speaker Victoria Vazquez, that this matter be Approved . The motion carried unaimously by Voice Vote

Enactment No: R-017-16

3. [16-020](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF JOHNNIE EARP AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. [16-021](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVISION OF ONE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE AND THE CREATION OF A NEW STANDING COMMITTEE**

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: R-019-16

5. [15-100](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LA-01-14, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the revision provided. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

6. [16-023](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 68 ("REVENUE & TAXATION") THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE**

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried by acclamation.

Executive and Finance Committee

7. [16-026](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO DELAWARE CO. RURAL WATER DISTRICT #11**
Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
8. [16-027](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.
The motion carried by acclamation.
9. [16-028](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**
Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
10. [16-029](#) **A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
11. [16-030](#) **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2016 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN RELATED TO HUD-VASH RENTAL ASSISTANCE**
Councilor Hatfield moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

12. [16-049](#) **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OKLAHOMA HOUSE BILL 2261 AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS SALES ACT OF 1974; MODIFYING DEFINITIONS**
- Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.
13. [16-031](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FIVE TRACTS OF DAY SCHOOL LAND IN FEE**
- Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. [16-033](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRUST LANDS TO BURGHER HAGGARD LLC FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S WILD MUSTANG PROGRAM**
- Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested to be added as a sponsor. After comments were made the motion to approve carried with Councilor Walkingstick opposed.
15. [16-034](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO NEGOTIATE AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BID TO LEASE TRIBAL UNITS ON FEE OR TRUST LAND**
- Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Hargis announced in the absence of Councilor Buzzard that he is hosting a community meeting tomorrow, March 15th in Grove.

Councilor Walkingstick announced a community meeting on April 4th at the Tahlequah community building hosted by Councilors Byrd, Walkingstick and Jordan.

Councilor Austin wished his mother a happy birthday tomorrow.

Councilor Warner announced a community meeting on March 21st at Muldrow at the Cherokee Community Center.

Councilor Hatfield announced she and Councilor Baker will be in attendance at the Wichita At Large community meeting this weekend in Kansas City.

Speaker Byrd gave appreciation to the Youth Council for their attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.