



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, June 10, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard and Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve the May 13th regular session.

Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker reported on the assistance received and our programs efforts during disasters of the flooding and tornado. He congratulated all of the newly elected officials from our recent general election and gave appreciation to all of our citizens who voted. The 35th Anniversary Remember the Removal Riders have started their journey back. Chief Baker acknowledged the Summer Youth Interns in attendance and requested they introduce themselves. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence following the reading of a long list of Cherokees who have passed over the last month. Speaker Byrd recognized George Roach for his leadership of the Summer Youth

Interns each year.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden recognized Cherokee Warriors Billy D. Cecil, John S. Cochran, Ashley W. Rutherford and Marvin F. Whitten with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Speaker Byrd recognized special guest, Gary "Litefoot" Davis, as a native recording artist and film star. Following Speaker Byrd reading a brief biography, Mr. Davis spoke about his life, accomplishments and goals personally and in business.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the financials for April and May. He provided an update on the flooding at the Ft. Gibson casino. He expressed how proud he was of the employees during the flood. He commented on the efforts of their employee, Jerry Keener, who is licensed to drive a rescue boat and did so during the flooding. This past weekend they had the honor of hosting the Miss Oklahoma Contest. The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino is having a career day on Wednesday, June 19th. Cultural Tourism is offering free family friendly story telling events on Wednesdays in June at the Peace Pavilion. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include items 4 and 5 passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [19-029](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO THE CHERRY TREE RURAL WATER DISTRICT, INC., CONTAINING 0.75 ACRES M/L**
Sponsors: Shawn Crittenden
Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-024-19
2. [19-030](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY - USA IN TRUST FOR CHEROKEE NATION TO MACK & SARAH FLYNN FOR INGRESS, EGRESS & UTILITIES LOCATED ON CMS UNIT 12**
Sponsors: Shawn Crittenden
Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-025-19

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [19-032](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 8B; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Sponsors: Janees Taylor
Councilor Taylor moved to approve the substitute operating budget modification 8b. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Taylor requested the Council Director of Financial Oversight give an explanation of the difference between 8a and 8b. The motion carried with no opposition.
Enactment No: LA-08-19
4. [19-036](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION CLMAP PROGRAM, TO APPLY FOR TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANTS ON BEHALF OF CHEROKEE NATION TO DOCUMENT ORAL HISTORY AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS**
Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Canaan Duncan, Wanda Hatfield, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Shawn Crittenden, Mike Dobbins, Rex Jordan, Dick Lay, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor, David Walkingstick, Victoria Vazquez and Bryan Warner
Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-026-19
5. [19-035](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, TO APPLY FOR VETERANS CEMETERY**

**GRANTS PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF NATION TO ESTABLISH A
CHEROKEE VETERAN CEMETERY**

Sponsors: Buel Anglen, Harley Buzzard, Bryan Warner, Mike Shambaugh, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Keith Austin, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Mike Dobbins, Wanda Hatfield, Dick Lay, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez and David Walkingstick

Councilor Anglen moved to approve with a correction in the 3rd Whereas to strike "Tahlequah" and replace with "within the fourteen county jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation". Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve as amended carried.

Enactment No: R-027-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Hatfield recognized the All State Athletes honored in Oklahoma City this past week.

Speaker Byrd gave appreciation to the Youth Interns present.

Speaker Byrd recognized his family and friend Toxie in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on July 15th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.