



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, May 14, 2012

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 Lay gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to amend the agenda to include two items passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the April 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker requested Shawn Slaton of CNB and Connie Davis the Executive Director of Health to come forward for a special check presentation. Mr. Slaton on behalf of CNB presented to the Cherokee Nation a check in the amount of

\$1,510,000 representing the sale of the company plane. He stated this saves the Nation \$400,000 a year in operating costs. Chief Baker stated this is a special dividend for Contract Health. He commented May has been a busy month for graduations. He took a moment to congratulate our Immersion School who will have a 6th grade graduation for the first time. He announced of the eighty-seven Sequoyah graduates this year four are Gates Scholars and four are athletic scholarship signees. He congratulated the Sequoyah Slow Pitch Softball team for winning their first State Title and the Track Team for winning second at State. Jessica Chastain, a Maryetta second grader, is the Oklahoma State winner of the 5th Annual Doodle for Google Contest. It is the second straight year that a Maryetta student has been the State winner. The Remember the Removal Bike Ride kickoff celebration will be held on June 1st here in the Council Chambers. The Hard Rock held it's topping out ceremony for the new hotel tower on April 23rd. Applications are being accepted for Miss Cherokee through the 27th of July. After more than five years of planning the Environmental Services Department has started working on a two phase project to improve the water quality in Kenwood. Chief Baker announced some have heard there is a petition ballot initiative that was launched over the weekend that would eliminate mail in absentee balloting except for the physically disabled and military personnel. He stated as a tribe we are still working to heal and unite and it is not a time to divide. He stated he would not be in support of the petition. He requested a moment of silence for the many that have passed over the last month. Deputy Chief Crittenden presented Warrior Awards to Colbert Starr, George David Starr, Rex Allan Starr and Rex Earl Starr.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - David Southerland

Mr. Gary Cooper reported for the Housing Authority in the absence of Mr. Southerland. The May board meeting is tomorrow at noon. The three model homes are complete and are open during the day. The land development and new construction staff are housed in the model homes currently. They have currently received 681 applications for the new home construction. The Community Shield Insurance Program continues to be a successful program with 2,317 families currently participating.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton announced March was a record month for Cherokee Nation Businesses and CNE. He reported 98% of their new hires are Cherokee. In addition to the monthly dividend they contributed another \$255,000 in tax collections to the Nation. He invited everyone to Jay on Thursday for the Jay Laundry open house. They also hosted an open house for the newly renovated employee training facility in Tahlequah. CNI received the Gold Suppliers Certification from Sacorsky Aircraft. They will be partnering with the Cherokee Nation Foundation to help the Cherokee Youth become college ready. Mr. Slaton announced they have donated over 1,000 items collected by the employees to seven schools last month. They currently have

4,000 employees with a Cherokee percentage of 67%, other Native American 8.6% and a total of 75.6% Native American employment.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [12-058](#) **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RURAL AREA POST OFFICES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND THE USPS TULSA PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER**
Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
Enactment No: R-60-12

Rules Committee

2. [12-069](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CAROLYN ALLEN AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSION**
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
Enactment No: R-61-12

SWEARING IN OF MS. ALLEN

Justice Troy Wayne Poteete administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Allen.

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [12-070](#) **A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE USE OF THE SALLISAW CREEK PARK IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
Enactment No: R-62-12
4. [12-066](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve by acclimation. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the questions

raised in committee regarding the Elder Care program had been resolved. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: LA-20-12

5. [12-072](#)

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ANGEL GOODRICH, A CITIZEN OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, FOR HER OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition. Ms. Goodrich was presented with a gift by Councilor Hargis.

Enactment No: R-63-12

6. [12-063](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USEPA OFFICE FOR A 2013 ITEC PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-64-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Byrd commended Mr. Slaton on the outstanding job he has done at CNE along with the record breaking revenues he and his staff have brought in. He commented for the record that he was not in favor of the enormous settlement given to the former CEO. Councilors Walkingstick, Anglen, Lay, Hargis, Garvin, Thornton and Snell also voiced similar concerns for the settlement given.

Councilor Fullbright announced District 3 would be hosting their annual community meeting at the Blue Ribbon Down Banquet Hall on June 22nd beginning at 5:30.

Councilor Cowan Watts announced the Rogers County Cherokee Association Hog Fry will be held on June 9th at noon.

Councilor Lay announced the Pocahontas Club will be hosting a Hog Fry on May 19th.

Councilor Hargis announced Mr. Dan Mink a Cherokee Nation citizen from Adair County won the art logo contest for the Tri Council. The contest was between citizens of the United Keetoowah Band, the Eastern Band of Cherokees and the Cherokee Nation with the winner receiving \$1,000.

Speaker Glory-Jordan thanked the departments for their involvement at the District 1 community meeting in Hulbert last week. She also gave appreciation to those in attendance here tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:00 p.m.

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