



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, December 12, 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 Baker made a motion to approve the November 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker requested a moment to honor former Councilor Janelle Lattimore Fullbright who recently passed. The tribe has filed a lawsuit against the federal government for miss management of the tribe's trust fund. Our annual TERO conference was recently held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. He commented on the Christmas open house held here at the complex. Appreciation was given to all of those angel tree volunteers and to CNB for the \$20,000 donation. He commented on the numerous Christmas parades they participated in as well as the lighting of our Supreme Court House. Chief Baker congratulated for Council Speaker, Tina Glory Jordan, for being named the Lawyer of the Year by the National American Housing Counsel. He read a long list of Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last

month. Deputy Crittenden read the military history of the recent passing of WWII Veteran Steve Downing Jr. A moment of silence was given to honor those passed.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized three brothers as Cherokee Warriors; Daniel Dause, James Dause and Willie Dause.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Speaker Byrd announced he would be changing the monthly department reports each month.

Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Council - Austin Jones / Lisa Trice Turtle

Youth Council President, Austin Jones, gave highlights of the Youth Council activities over the last month. During their last meeting they discussed their bylaws and potential community service projects. They shopped for seventy-five angels. He reported on the Cherokee Language Challenge 2020. The next meeting of the Youth Council will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7th. Mr. Jones gave some highlights of the activities on the January agenda. He gave appreciation to everyone's support of the Youth Council and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the 2016 year end financials. Updates were given on the expansion projects including the spa and pool at the Hard Rock. The Grove casino is targeted to be open next Monday. He commented on their annual contribution to the Angel Project in addition to their employees adopting over three-hundred angels and raising over \$12,000. He announced The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino will be hosting a World Series of Poker stop in March. A Cherokee Christmas exhibit will be at the National Supreme Court Museum until December 31st. A life-size gingerbread house will be constructed at the Hard Rock. He congratulated the Cherokee Nation Gift Shops for their best year yet with over \$800,000 in sales for 2016. The current employment at CNB is 6,594 with 4,809 of those being able to practice a preference. Of those 4,809 the Cherokee percentage is 73.4% with other Native Americans at 7.1% giving a total Native American employment of 80.5%. He offered to answer questions from the report given.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include 3 items passed out of committee earlier today as items 6, 7 and 8. Those are A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Pam Sellers to the Election Commission, A Resolution Naming the Redbird Health Clinic Dialysis Center the Janelle Lattimore Fullbright Dialysis Center, and lastly a Resolution Authorizing a Limited Waiver of Immunity of the Cherokee Nation to the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resource Committee

1. [16-111](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CHEROKEE TRIBAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

Sponsors: Curtis Snell

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

Enactment No: R-088-16

Rules Committee

2. [16-120](#) **A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-089-16

3. [16-114](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CRYSTAL RAELYNN JACKSON AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Janees Taylor, Bryan Warner, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Wanda Hatfield, David Walkingstick, David Thornton, Curtis Snell and Frankie Hargis

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

Enactment No: R-090-16

4. [16-115](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARK L. DOBBINS AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**
- Sponsors:** Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Frankie Hargis, Janees Taylor, Bryan Warner, Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Wanda Hatfield, David Walkingstick, David Thornton and Curtis Snell
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-091-16
- Executive and Finance Committee
5. [16-117](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:** Janees Taylor
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.**
- Enactment No: LA-25-16
6. [16-124](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PAMELA SELLERS AS CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER**
- Sponsors:** Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, David Walkingstick, Bryan Warner and Shawn Crittenden
- Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chief Justice Garrett performed the swearing in of Commissioner Sellers following the approval of the two remaining agenda items.**
- Enactment No: R-092-16
7. [16-125](#) **A RESOLUTION NAMING THE REDBIRD CLINIC DIALYSIS CENTER "THE JANELLE LATTIMORE-FULLBRIGHT DIALYSIS CENTER"**
- Sponsors:** Bryan Warner, Frankie Hargis, David Walkingstick, Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Dick Lay, Shawn Crittenden, Don Garvin, Harley Buzzard, Curtis Snell, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Buel Anglen, Jack D. Baker and Wanda Hatfield
- Councilor Hatfield made a motion to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-093-16

8. [16-126](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TO THE OKLAHOMA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST FOR PURPOSES OF THE TSET HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis, Mr. S. Joe Crittenden and Bryan Warner

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

Enactment No: R-094-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Warner announced the funeral services for Former Councilor Fullbright will be held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Sallisaw.

Councilor Jordan announced Districts 1, 2 and 3 will have a community meeting tomorrow evening in Hulbert.

Speaker Byrd reminded everyone of the Council Christmas Social tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:37 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.