



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Thursday, September 28, 2017

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Late Arrival** 2 - David Walkingstick and Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the August 15th special session and the August 31st regular session. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Chair Byrd announced the written reports would be accepted and inquired if there were any questions from the Council regarding any of the submited reports.

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Ms. Suzanne Drywater gave an update on the ten Marshals in Houston participating in the hurricane rescue efforts. Councilor Taylor inquired if it is a requirement to be Cherokee to serve as a Marshal. Councilor Baker Shaw commended the efforts in Houston.*

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

*Mr. Hembree stated they are working with the other member of the five tribes on murphy issues. They are also working on the freedmen implementation within the tribe. Councilor Walkingstick if the freedmen decision is final and if there would be an appeal.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the FOIA and GRA requests. She offered to answer questions.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Mr. Hummingbird recognized his Licensing Manager, Kelly Myers who has been listed as Global Gaming Magazine's 40 under 40. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Baker Shaw asked the Cherokee and other Native American percentage at the casinos.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired about the recourse if someone lies to the Council. Chair Byrd spoke of the urgency for a bus driver at Sequoyah High School. Councilor Taylor requested Mr. Morton stay for questions when considering the employees appeal act amendment on the agenda.*

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. [17-090](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR A TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PLAINS AND EASTERN CLEAN LINE OKLAHOMA LLC, ACROSS THE ARKANSAS RIVER AND GRANTING A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED

*Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following lengthy discussion and concerns Councilor Baker Shaw made a motion to table. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.*

**The motion to approve failed with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Nay:** 8 - Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis and E. O. "JR." Smith

**Abstain:** 1 - Janees Taylor

## NEW BUSINESS

1.     [17-095](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER GOINS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

**Councilor Hatfield moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following discussion and questions the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mike Dobbins

**Nay:** 6 - Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh and Mary Baker Shaw

**Abstain:** 2 - Joe Byrd and Frankie Hargis
  
2.     [17-096](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBIN MCCLAIN SMITH AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION

**A motion was made by Councilor Hatfield, seconded by Councilor Vazquez, that this matter be Approved and Forwarded to Council to the TRIBAL COUNCIL, due back on 10/23/2017. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Yea:** 9 - Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mike Dobbins

**Nay:** 6 - Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh and Mary Baker Shaw

**Abstain:** 2 - Joe Byrd and Frankie Hargis
  
3.     [17-097](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAWNENA SQUIRREL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION

**Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
4.     [17-098](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BETTY FROGG AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM

**Councilor Warner made a motion to substitute Ms. Betty Frogg in place of Durbin Feeling due to health issues and move to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
5.     [17-099](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDDIE MORRISON AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM

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

- 6.     17-100           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JANE OSTI AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM  
  
          **Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
- 7.     17-101           AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDING BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NATIONAL TREASURES OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
  
          **Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. Councilors Lay and Vazquez requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
  
- 8.     17-102           A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 51 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE  
  
          **Councilor Warner moved to table. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:52 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Julie Hubbard</i>	<i>Suzanne Drywater</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>John Young</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	<i>Chad Harshaw</i>	<i>Kelly Myers</i>
<i>Dawnea Squirrel</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Eddie Morrison</i>	<i>Jennifer Goins</i>	<i>Tim K. Baker</i>
<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>Jane Osti</i>	<i>Dana Geib</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Vyrl Keeter</i>	<i>Diana Baker</i>
<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>		