



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, July 15, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 moved to approve the June 10th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker announced we have been awarded an HIV pilot project through IHS similar to the Hep-C project. A new home page has been launched for the Cherokee Nation. The United States Navy announced in June they would be naming their newest rescue ship the "Cherokee Nation". We participated in the Five Tribes Inter-Tribal Council this past week where a resolution was passed to provide a unified formal and firm response to the Governor's call to reopen the Gaming Compact talks. Chief Baker was please and honored to bestow the Cherokee National Treasure title to Loretta Shade. Ms. Shade was named a National Treasure last summer but fell ill and was unable to*

*accept until now. She was honored as a National Treasure in her expertise of the Cherokee Language, Culture and History. Chief Baker read a list of Citizens who have passed over the last month and requested a moment of silence.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored veterans Roy G. Brown, Conn G. Davis, Jack E. Buffington and James L. Smith with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.*

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

*Speaker Byrd recognized the first employee of Cherokee Nation Industries, Lizzie Duvall, and congratulated her and Cherokee Nation Industries for celebrating their 50th year. Ms. Duvall was given a gift from the Tribal Council and was asked to speak about her experience.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Chuck Garrett gave a special thank you of appreciation to Lizzie Duvall for her efforts over the years. He stated they are very proud of the example she provided. Mr. Garrett reported on the April financials for CNB. Their non-dividend tax contribution to the Cherokee Nation was approximately \$346,000 in retail sales and approximately \$21,000 in liquor sales. Cherokee Nation Businesses currently has a total Native American employment of 76.7%. Cultural Tourism has a new exhibit that kicked off in June "Where has your flag flown" is at the Supreme Court Museum. The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino has been recognized, for the third year in a row, by the Triple A with a coveted 4 Diamond rating. Mr. Garrett announced some of the free concerts coming to Track 5 at the Hard Rock in June. Our 13th year of thoroughbred racing at Will Rogers Downs has come to a close this past month. The Cherokee Nation Film Office held casting calls on Saturday and Sunday at the Hard Rock for the movie "Wildfire" starring Wes Studie. CNB will be the proud host of more than twenty interns this summer to continue to build the pipeline of continuing Cherokee leaders. He offered to answer questions from the report. Speaker Byrd requested an update on the gaming in Arkansas.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Lay moved to amend the agenda to include the Act passed out of Rules and the 3 Resolutions passed out of Community Service earlier today. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Deputy Speaker Vazquez made a motion for each motion to amend be taken separately. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Attorney Nofire Blakestad provided clarification in that each item is a separate item and if an issue arises they are to be voted to amend one at a time. If there is no objection they can all be added to the agenda with one motion to amend. The motion to amend separately carried. Following additional clarification on amending the agenda Speaker Byrd stated they would go back to the first new business item then move forward with amending the agenda one item at a time.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [19-034](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection.

Enactment No: LA-09-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Lay made a motion to amend the agenda to include the Act passed out of Rules Committee to reject the elected officials pay raises. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden gave an explanation to the visitors of what is taking place while also confirming he is correct. Following additional clarification the roll call vote carried as follows:

**Yea:** 12 - Buel Anglen;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Bryan Warner ;Shawn Crittenden;Mike Shambaugh;Mike Dobbins;Mary Baker Shaw;Janees Taylor;Joe Byrd;Harley Buzzard and Canaan Duncan

**Nay:** 5 - Rex Jordan;Keith Austin;Wanda Hatfield;E. O. "JR." Smith and Victoria Vazquez

2. [19-047](#) **AN ACT REJECTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER LEGISLATIVE ACT 01-15 WHICH CALLS FOR A PAY INCREASE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sponsors: Shawn Crittenden, Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve the Act rejecting the elected officials pay raises. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

**Yea:** 12 - Buel Anglen;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Shawn Crittenden;Wanda Hatfield;Mike Shambaugh;Mike Dobbins;Mary Baker Shaw;Janees Taylor;Joe Byrd;Harley Buzzard and Canaan Duncan

**Nay:** 4 - Rex Jordan;Keith Austin;E. O. "JR." Smith and Victoria Vazquez

**Abstain:** 1 - Bryan Warner

Enactment No: LA-10-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Warner moved to amend the agenda to include item #3 a resolution requesting disaster assistance funding. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [19-037](#)

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND**

**Sponsors:** Bryan Warner, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Dobbins, Buel Anglen, Janees Taylor and Dick Lay

Councilor Warner moved to approve the resolution requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs Disaster Assistance Fund. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-028-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Austin moved to amend the agenda to include item #4 a resolution submitting an application for Tribal Transportation Program Bridge funding for a bridge over Horsepen Creek. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [19-038](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING FOR BRIDGE #249 OVER HORSEPEN CREEK IN TULSA COUNTY, OK.**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin and Dick Lay

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-029-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Buzzard moved to amend the agenda to include item #5 a resolution authorizing the submission of the fiscal year 2020 Indian Housing Plan. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. [19-039](#)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S.**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Bryan Warner, Harley Buzzard, Canaan Duncan and Dick Lay

**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-030-19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:09 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on August 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.