



# 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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Tuesday, October 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

**Councilor Nofire gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Keith Austin

**Absent** 1 - Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve the September minutes as submitted.**

**Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

*Chief Hoskin announced they had just returned from Inter-Tribal Council hosted by the Choctaws where numerous resolutions were passed including a resolution supporting the Cherokee Nation Delegate to Congress. Next week is the National Congress of American Indians where our very own Speaker of the Council, Joe Byrd, is running for National Vice President and our Deputy Principal Chief, Bryan Warner, is running for Regional Vice President. Chief Hoskin reported on the Durbin Feeling Language Preservation Act and the Career Readiness Act. The soft opening of the outpatient*

*clinic facility at Hastings was held last week with a grand opening scheduled in November. The At Large Community meetings are in California this weekend. He gave appreciation for those who participated and celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day yesterday. He gave special recognition to CNI employee, Becky Grimmer Bearpaw, who saved someone's life during the Cherokee National Holiday parade. The newly elected Cherokee Youth Ambassadors attended and were requested to introduce themselves. Lastly Chief Hoskin read a list of Cherokees who we have lost over the past month and requested a moment of silence.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Deputy Chief, Bryan Warner, and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. Joe Crittenden, honored Cherokee Veterans Paul M. Dudley, Jared Harnar, Larry J. Parker, and Thomas A. Parris with the Cherokee Metal of Patriotism.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

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#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to include 2 items passed out of Education committee earlier today. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-066](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Canaan Duncan, Joe Deere, Shawn Crittenden, Mary Baker Shaw and Joe Byrd

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-050-19

2. [19-067](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FARRELL PRATER AS A MEMBER OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Canaan Duncan, Joe Byrd and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-051-19

3. [19-068](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF VALERIE ROGERS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Canaan Duncan, Joe Byrd and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-052-19

4. [19-069](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDI PAYTON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Canaan Duncan, Victoria Vazquez, Joe Byrd and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-053-19

5. [19-070](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE COLDWELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Canaan Duncan, Mike Dobbins, Victoria Vazquez, Joe Byrd and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-054-19

6. [19-071](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN HAIL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Canaan Duncan, Mike Dobbins, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates, Mary Baker Shaw and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-055-19

7. [19-072](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICKY KELLY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg, Keith Austin, Canaan Duncan, Mike Dobbins, Joe Byrd and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-056-19

8. [19-073](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. ROGER MONTGOMERY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Daryl Legg, Rex Jordan, Canaan Duncan, Mike Dobbins, Keith Austin, Wes Nofire, Mary Baker Shaw, Julia Coates, Joe Byrd and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-057-19

9. [19-074](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AMI SAMS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Canaan Duncan, Mike Dobbins, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates and Joe Deere

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-058-19

10. [19-075](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. STEPHEN JONES AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Sponsors:** Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Rex Jordan, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Keith Austin, Mary Baker Shaw, Wes Nofire, Joe Byrd and Julia Coates

**A motion was made by Councilor Janees Taylor, seconded by Councilor Mary Baker Shaw, that this Resolution be Approved in toto. The motion carried unanimously by consent.**

Enactment No: R-059-19

11. [19-081](#)

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez and Joe Deere

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

Enactment No: R-060-19

12. [19-076](#)

**THE CAREER READINESS ACT**

**Sponsors:** Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Shawn Crittenden, Keith Austin, Joe Byrd, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Harley Buzzard, Wes Nofire and Mary Baker Shaw

**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-18-19

13. [19-077](#)

**THE DURBIN FEELING LANGUAGE PRESERVATION ACT**

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan, Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Mike Shambaugh, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Joe Byrd, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Shawn Crittenden, Harley Buzzard, Julia Coates, Wes Nofire and Mary Baker Shaw

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

Enactment No: LA-19-19

- 14.     [19-079](#)                   **AN ACT AMENDING LA-12-19; THE HOUSING, JOBS, AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2019**

**Sponsors:**           Joe Byrd, Wes Nofire, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Nofire moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-20-19
- 15.     [19-078](#)                   **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 1: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:**           Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-21-19
- 16.     [19-082](#)                   **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SUPPORT FOR JOE BYRD AS CANDIDATE FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS**

**Sponsors:**           Victoria Vazquez, Canaan Duncan, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith and Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: R-061-19
- 17.     [19-083](#)                   **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SUPPORT FOR BRYAN WARNER AS CANDIDATE FOR EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS**

**Sponsors:**           Victoria Vazquez, Canaan Duncan, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith and Janees Taylor

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-062-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mr. Chuck Garrett introduced Greg Jackson and Matt McCrary from CNB who provided the CPR Training to Ms. Bearpaw who was recognized earlier tonight for her life saving efforts.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 6:44 p.m.**

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