



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. Joe Crittenden, gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Absent 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the October regular session minutes.

Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced our Veterans were honored last week and plans were announced for the future Cherokee Nation National Veterans Cemetery. He gave appreciation to all staff who participated in the Veterans Day parade and celebration. The Career Readiness Act has been rolled out and will double our investment in work force readiness. Later this week will be an historic day as the grand opening is held for the new health center at the W. W. Hastings Campus. At Large community meetings will be held this weekend in Arizona. He recognized the Youth Council in

attendance and requested they each introduce themselves. He requested a moment of silence for those who have been lost over the past month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner
Deputy Principal Chief

S. Joe Crittenden
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Crittenden honored and recognized Cherokee Warriors James Beavers, Jacob McGaugh, Jimmy Reece and Jason Walls all with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the financial highlights for August. The job statistics include a total Native American employment of 75.6%. CNB partnered with the Adair County Historical Association to preserve and promote some local history within the Adair County Courthouse. CNB has hosted multiple job fairs within the fourteen counties. Speaker Byrd inquired about the employees option this year in regard to turkeys. Mr. Garrett gave an update on the Arkansas gaming proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [19-084](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN SPARKS AS MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

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

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve items 1 through 4 in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-063-19

2. [19-085](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAWNA BAKER AS MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

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

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve items 1 through 4 in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-064-19

3. [19-086](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KRISTY STURGILL AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Keith Austin and Joe Deere

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve items 1 through 4 in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-065-19

4. [19-087](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERTA GIBSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve items 1 through 4 in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-066-19

5. [19-093](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO OKLAHOMA STATE BANK

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

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

Enactment No: R-067-19

6. [19-088](#)

AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 44 CHAPTER 1 SECTION 6(F) OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED RELATING TO FREE AND INDEPENDENT PRESS FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

Sponsors: Keith Austin and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: LA-22-19

7. [19-089](#) **AN AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATIVE ACT ENTITLED "THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE MODIFICATION OF 2019"**

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

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion and ensured the one approved is the amended handout. Chief Hoskin gave an explanation of the substitute language. Councilors Patzkowski, Byrd and Dobbins requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: LA-23-19

Executive and Finance Committee

8. [19-090](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS SPECIALIZED BICYCLES TO TAHLEQUAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-068-19

9. [19-091](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #14-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL 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-24-19

10. [19-092](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-25-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Community Service Committee. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11. [19-098](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGING TITLE VI GRANT, PART A AND PART C

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan, Mike Shambaugh and Dora Patzkowski

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

Enactment No: R-069-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates announced At Large meetings would be held in Phoenix and Tuscan this weekend.

Councilor Crittenden announced he and Councilor Duncan will have a community meeting this Thursday at the Stilwell High School Cafeteria.

Councilor Nofire announced he would be having a community meeting on the 19th in Dry Creek.

Councilor Legg announced a community meeting on December 9th at Belfonte.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:45 p.m.

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