



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, June 11, 2012

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory-Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the May 14, 2012 regular session minutes. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker announced they recently held the grand opening for the Nowata Food Distribution Center and Nutrition sight. He reported they just received the approval for a special deputization at the Claremore Indian Hospital for our Marshals. Marshal Casey King has been cross-deputized with the U.S. Marshal Service with complete jurisdiction and has been invited to be part of the Major Crimes Task Force. They are working to acquire cross-deputization for Sequoyah High School as well. He reported we now have seven food distribution sights and six tailgate sights distributing over \$7ml in food over the last year. The first distribution of \$200 for the Elders in Need Program will be in July. He provided an update on the Remember the Removal bike*

*riders. This month in Delaware County the Jay Laundry was opened by CNB, this facility will do all of the laundry for the casinos and hotels. They are gearing up for the clothing voucher program. On Thursday and Friday the first full meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council was held with committees in the last six years. He requested a moment of silence for the Cherokees who we have lost over the last month. Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Veterans Andrew Crittenden, Cooie Meigs and Arch Vann. Chief Baker recognized George Roach and requested he give a brief overview of the Internship Program and have the participants here introduce themselves.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - David Southerland

*Mr. Gary Cooper reported it has been a busy month for the Housing Authority as they are gearing up to build new homes. The June board meeting will be held next Thursday the 19th at noon. It will be on the agenda to change the meeting time to 5:30 p.m. He announced they will be taking applications for the College Housing Assistance Program formerly known as the Dorm Assistance Program on July 2nd through July 16th. To date they have received 770 applications on the new construction home program. The Community Shield Insurance program currently has 2,334 applicants.*

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

*Mr. Slaton reported March was the biggest month ever in our gaming facilities. Overall they are doing great financially. The tax contribution to the Nation for the month was \$255,000. He announced several Cherokee citizen promotions including: Seth Greer to Division Controller, Ben Blosch to Controller and Jason Ward accepted a position in the business processing improvement group. A job fair was held June 2nd bringing more than two dozen new jobs to Mayes County, a CNI job fair was held at Mid-American with over fifty attendees. They held an Interviewing for Success Workshops in West Siloam Springs. Our subsidiary, Mobility Plus raised more than \$12,000 for the Kelly B. Todd Cerebral Palsy Center with their 6th annual golf tournament. Cherokee Trails is holding free golf instruction for Cherokee youth this summer. Our Cherokee Heritage Center received the Museum Institutional Excellence Award by the Association of Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums. The Cultural Tourism Department won multiple awards at the Red Blood Award Ceremony at the Oklahoma History Center. They currently have 4,000 jobs with Cherokee employment of 67% with other Native Americans at 8.6% for a total Native American employment of 76.6%. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if they have entered into a contract regarding our water litigation. Councilor Byrd commended Mr. Slaton and his staff for the outstanding job they are doing.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [12-071](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO DONATE ONE (1) AEROVIRONMENT MINISODAR UPPER AIR PROFILER TO THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION**  
  
**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**  
  
 Enactment No: R-65-12

Rules Committee

2. [12-076](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOHN GARRETT AS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**  
  
**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. After several questions were asked the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**  
  
**Yea:** 11 - David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd  
  
**Nay:** 6 - Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Meredith Frailey;Lee Keener Jr.;Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates  
  
 Enactment No: R-66-12

SWEARING IN OF JUSTICE GARRETT

*Chief Justice Darrell Dowty performed the swearing in of Justice John C. Garrett.*

*Speaker Glory-Jordan read into the record Mr. Garrett's letter of resignation from the Gaming Commission effective upon the approval of his judicial appointment.*

3. [12-079](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #06-98 RELATING TO THE GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
  
**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.**  
  
 Enactment No: LA-21-12

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [12-074](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to appropriate an additional \$25,000 to the sport team budget from un-appropriated revenues. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried by the following roll call vote:

**Yea:** 17 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Meredith Frailey;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Lee Keener Jr.;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Cara Cowan Watts;Julia Coates;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Enactment No: LA-22-12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Fullbright requested a moment to remember Earl C. Stewart who passed over the last month.*

*Councilor Byrd recognized his nephew Watie Byrd in attendance.*

*Councilor Frailey announced a district community meeting would be held from 5:30 to 7:30 on June 25th at the Salina High School cafeteria.*

*Councilor Garvin introduced tribal citizen Matt Qualls the son of Leroy Qualls.*

*Councilor Cowan Watts announced District 5 would be hosting a joint meeting with the Rogers County Cherokee Association, the Victory Cherokee Organization and the Tulsa Cherokee Community Organization on Tuesday, July 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Augusta Room of the Hard Rock Golf Course.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

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