



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, August 15, 2016

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

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker announced they have just returned from At Large community meetings in Portland. They have established a partnership with the State of Oklahoma and the churches to assist Indian Child Welfare in taking care of the needs of the children. DeWayne Chuckaluck is our new Fire Coordinator. He encouraged all of the young people to apply for the Cherokee Youth Council. Cherokee Employee Appreciation day is scheduled for Friday the 26th of August. He commented on the upcoming 64th Annual Cherokee National Holiday. He gave a list of those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence in their

remembrance.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Baker honored veterans Gary Dale Douglas, James Clarence Huggins and James David Murphy.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Speaker Byrd gave special recognition to our 2016 Miss Cherokee, Ja-Li-Si Pittman and gave her a few moments to say farewell and give highlights of her year as Miss Cherokee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced their monthly board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. They are currently working on several projects including moving the Rehab staff offices. They are updating several families for rehab assistance. He provided an update on the college housing assistance program. He reported they impact well over 7,000 families monthly through various programs available at the Housing Authority. They currently have 245 employees with 98.4% Native American employment. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Speaker Byrd recognized CNB Board Member Jerry Holderby in attendance. Mr. Slaton reported on the financials, gave an update on the current projects including the spa at Hard Rock, the remodel at Will Rogers Downs, the progress at the new Grove casino, and the fuel pumps at the new Outpost #1 store here at the complex. There will be a new exhibit at the John Ross Museum from August 26th through November 1st focusing on the early years of John Ross. The 11th Annual Car and Truck Show at the West Siloam Springs casino will be held this Saturday. They currently have 6,647 employees of those in which preference can be practiced there are 4,669 with a Cherokee percentage of 72.8%, other Native American at 7.3% for a total Native American employment of 80.2%. He offered to answer any questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [16-084](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN CHAPMAN PLUMB AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

2. [16-087](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF JEFF LIMORE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

3. [16-085](#) **A NEW LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATED TO WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT**

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker moved to amend the agenda to include 3 items passed out of Resource Committee earlier today as 4, 5 and 6 on this agenda. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [16-089](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST**

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

5. [16-090](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO CC CAMP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION LOCATED ON CMS-8A (CHERRY TREE RED GYM & BALL FIELDS) CONTAINING 26.48 ACRES M/L**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

6. [16-091](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE IN THE LYONS SWITCH COMMUNITY ON NS-466 ROAD OVER SALLISAW CREEK LOCATED ON USA IN TRUST LAND FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION KNOWN AS CMS-25**

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Austin announced Cookson Hills will be hosting an open house on September 8th with a pancake breakfast.

Speaker Byrd introduced his sister and brother-in-law in attendance who are also the parents of our reigning Miss Cherokee.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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