



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, November 13, 2017

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 Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - 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 and Harley Buzzard

Absent 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the October 23rd regular session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden gave the State of the Nation. He announced Chief Baker is on travel speaking at the National Boys and Girls Club Conference. He reported on the various veterans activities held over this past weekend. Our CCO Cultural Team has been hosting cultural events across the fourteen counties to celebrate Native American Heritage month. Deputy Chief Crittenden reported on the recently held annual TERO Banquet. Our Hepatitis C program continues to be recognized nationally. He requested the new Youth Council introduce themselves. Deputy Chief Crittenden read

a long list of Cherokees who have passed over during the last month. He requested a moment of silence in their honor.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Warriors Virgil George England, Melvin Thomas McCoy, Terry Lee Rattlinggourd and Bill R. Tridhart.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Speaker Byrd requested Mr. Brian Barlow the President of the National Native Youth Commission to come and speak about the youth as he did at the recently held National Congress of American Indians held in Milwaukee.

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the August and September financials. He announced two records for the year. He announced they helped sponsor the Tahlequah High School and Cherokee Nation Businesses first Cherokee Nation day. Their Community Impact Team have dedicated roughly 4,000 volunteer service hours in various community projects, charitable efforts and other volunteer based activities. They hosted the Seven Star Cherokee Heritage Center Banquet at the Hard Rock. He provided an update on the Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee show. He congratulated Kim Tehee, Vice President of Government Relations, on being re-elected as the President of the Native American Contractors Association. Next month CNB will host the leaders of all of our diversified businesses at a retreat. He provided the currently employee numbers and percentages. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the monthly financials and how they compare to last year. He inquired about the status of a GRA requested. Mr. Slaton recognized the CNB board members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Warner made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Health Committee earlier today. Councilor Shambaugh seconded

the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [17-106](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES AMOS AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez, Wanda Hatfield, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin and Harley Buzzard

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 1 and 2 in Toto. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion carried. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-073-17

2. [17-107](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY YATES AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner, Rex Jordan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Mike Dobbins, Victoria Vazquez, Keith Austin, Wanda Hatfield, Janees Taylor, Harley Buzzard and Frankie Hargis

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 1 and 2 in Toto. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion carried. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-074-17

3. [17-108](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BOB BERRY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, Mike Shambaugh, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Wanda Hatfield and Keith Austin

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 3 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.

Enactment No: R-075-17

4. [17-110](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GARY COOPER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Bryan Warner, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Wanda Hatfield, Keith Austin and Janees Taylor

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 3 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.

Enactment No: R-076-17

5. [17-111](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HAROLD "SAM" RAY HART AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Keith Austin, Wanda Hatfield and Janees Taylor

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 3 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.

Enactment No: R-077-17

6. [17-112](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WATKINS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEORKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Wanda Hatfield, Keith Austin and Janees Taylor

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 3 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.

Enactment No: R-078-17

7. [17-113](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BRENT TAYLOR AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, Bryan Warner, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Wanda Hatfield and Keith Austin

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 3 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Crittenden and Taylor abstaining.

Enactment No: R-079-17

8. [17-114](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BUCK CHARLES GEORGE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Keith Austin, Wanda Hatfield and Janees Taylor

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 3 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor

Crittenden abstaining.

Enactment No: R-080-17

- 9. [17-115](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JERRY HOLDERBY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Bryan Warner, Victoria Vazquez, Mike Shambaugh, Keith Austin, Wanda Hatfield and Janees Taylor

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 3 through 9 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.

Enactment No: R-081-17

- 10. [17-102](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 51 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden opposed.

Enactment No: LA-30-17

Executive and Finance Committee

- 11. [17-116](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BRUSHY CHEROKEE ACTION ASSOCIATION IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-082-17

- 12. [17-117](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE A SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SEQUOYAH COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-083-17

- 13. [17-118](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CALVARY INDIAN**

BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-084-17

- 14. [17-119](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO JEREMIAH FOUNDATION IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Shawn Crittenden

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-085-17

- 15. [17-120](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SET FREE MINISTRIES IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-086-17

- 16. [17-121](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MARBLE CITY FOOD PANTRY IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-087-17

- 17. [17-122](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MARYETTA SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-088-17

- 18. [17-123](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO TOWN OF SPAVINAW IN MAYES COUNTY**

Sponsors: Harley Buzzard

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve items 11 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-089-17

19. [17-124](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE DISABILITY EDUCATION INITIATIVE TO PL 102-477 ACTIVITIES

Sponsors: Bryan Warner

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-090-17

20. [17-125](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-31-17

21. [17-127](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE'S FY2018 YOUTH REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER AFTERCARE PILOT PROJECT AND THE ACTIVITIES PROPOSED THEREIN

Sponsors: Bryan Warner

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-091-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd requested Dr. Charles Gourd give a report at the December Council meeting on the Heritage Center.

Speaker Byrd requested the CNB Board members to stand and be recognized.

Councilor Vazquez announced on November 30th at the Craig County Fairgrounds in Vinita we will host a college and career night.

Councilor Walkingstick announced on tomorrow night at the Sequoyah High School we will host a college and career night.

Councilor Crittenden announced a community meeting tomorrow night at the Mid County Fire Department in Baron.

Councilor Hatfield announced their will be At Large meetings this weekend in Phoenix and Tuscan Arizona.

Councilor Warner announced on November 30th at the Sallisaw Middle School he and Councilor Smith will host a community meeting.

Councilor Vazquez announced a community meeting at the Vinita Health Center on November 21st.

Speaker Byrd gave appreciation to the CNB Board and to the Youth Council.

Councilor Warner reminded everyone of the ICWA project The Chosen One coming to an end and the need still out there.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:48 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.