



# 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*

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Monday, April 10, 2017

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 Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - 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; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the March 20th regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

*Speaker Byrd recognized Coach Callison and the Sequoyah High School Girls Basketball team for winning 3A State. This is their second gold ball in the past three years.*

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker announced we gave a record of over \$5ml to 107 school districts this year from the car tag compact. On Friday they will host a special event to celebrate a new coffee table book featuring our Cherokee National Treasurers. Staff has just*

*returned from hosting Cherokee Days at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Chief Baker took a moment to recognize the 2017 Remember the Removal Bike Riders. Speaker Byrd recognized Dr. Mike Morris as the founder of the bike ride following our trail of tears. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence to remember the long list of Cherokees who we have lost over the last month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized John Levi Swimmer, Eddie Gene Storozyszyn and Steven Donald Summers as Cherokee Veterans and presented them with Medals of Patriotism.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the financials from March. He gave updates on the new pool at Hard Rock, the renovations at Will Rogers Downs and the pavement at the Redbird Clinic. Their Cultural Tourism group is hosting a lunch time discussion to highlight the history of Cherokee National Female Seminary at the John Ross Museum on April 21st. The current employment at CNB is 6,674 with 4,788 when the contract and temporary employees are excluded. Of those 4,788 the Cherokee percentage is 73.5% with other Native Americans at 6.8% giving a total Native American employment of 80.3%. He gave an update on the water main break in the Hard Rock tower. He offered to answer questions.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include 5 items passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Rules Committee

1. [17-025](#)      **A RESOLUTION SPONSORING THE CHEROKEE NATION SCOUT AWARD FOR THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
**Sponsors:**      Keith Austin and Janees Taylor  
  
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Taylor requested to be added as a sponsor.  
Enactment No: R-014-17
  
2. [17-026](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEWAYNE MARSHALL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Sponsors:**      David Walkingstick  
  
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Lay opposed and Councilor Hargis abstaining.  
Enactment No: R-015-17
  
3. [17-027](#)      **AN ACT RELATING TO INGRESS AND EGRESS AND ENCROACHMENT**  
**Sponsors:**      Dick Lay  
  
Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.  
Enactment No: LA-12-17

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [17-028](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MARYETTA SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY**  
**Sponsors:**      Frankie Hargis  
  
Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
Enactment No: R-016-17

5.     [17-029](#)           **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN DELAWARE COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**       Harley Buzzard
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-017-17
6.     [17-030](#)           **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO DISNEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH IN MAYES COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**       Harley Buzzard
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-018-17
7.     [17-031](#)           **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SPAVINAW COMMUNITY BUILDING IN MAYES COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**       Harley Buzzard
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-019-17
8.     [17-032](#)           **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CEDAR TREE BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**       Joe Byrd
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-020-17
9.     [17-033](#)           **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**       Joe Byrd
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-021-17

10. [17-034](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION EDUCATION SERVICE TO DONATE EQUIPMENT TO THE BLUEJACKET PUBLIC SCHOOL IN CRAIG COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**      Victoria Vazquez
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-022-17
11. [17-035](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO STILWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ADAIR COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**      Shawn Crittenden
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-023-17
12. [17-036](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF CHEWEY IN ADAIR COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**      Shawn Crittenden
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 4 through 12 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-024-17
13. [17-037](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 ; MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**      Janees Taylor
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.
- Enactment No: LA-13-17
14. [17-038](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**      Janees Taylor
- Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.
- Enactment No: LA-14-17

15. [17-050](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY TO THE OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (OG&E) FOR THE HASTINGS HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT, TAHLEQUAH OKLAHOMA, CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Sponsors:** Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan and Buel Anglen
- Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-025-17
16. [17-040](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO THE CC CAMP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, INC. LOCATED ON CMS-8A (CHERRY TREE RED GYM AND BALL FIELDS) CONTAINING 26.48 ACRES M/L**
- Sponsors:** Frankie Hargis and Shawn Crittenden
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-026-17
17. [17-042](#) **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR Ch. IX (4-1-03 Edition) 1003.604 Citizen Participation**
- Sponsors:** Bryan Warner, Frankie Hargis, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Jack D. Baker, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Don Garvin, Wanda Hatfield, Rex Jordan, Dick Lay, Janees Taylor, Curtis Snell, David Thornton, Victoria Vazquez and David Walkingstick
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-027-17
18. [17-043](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**
- Sponsors:** Don Garvin, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Jack D. Baker, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Frankie Hargis, Wanda Hatfield, Rex Jordan, Dick Lay, Curtis Snell, Janees Taylor, David Thornton, Victoria Vazquez, David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner
- Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-028-17
19. [17-044](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING FOR BRIDGES #56 AND #57 OVER WICKLIFFE CREEK IN MAYES COUNTY, OK**

**Sponsors:** Curtis Snell, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Jack D. Baker, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Don Garvin, Frankie Hargis, Wanda Hatfield, Rex Jordan, Dick Lay, Janees Taylor, David Thornton, Victoria Vazquez, David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

**Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-029-17

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Walkingstick announced he would have a community meeting at Dry Creek on April 18th.*

*He also reminded everyone the deadline for the salutatorian and valedictorian scholarships is April 2nd.*

*Councilor Byrd reminded everyone the JOM conference is currently underway at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:53 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.