



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, January 16, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 12 - Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard;
Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; Bryan
Warner ; Shawn Crittenden and Keith Austin

Absent 2 - Curtis Snell and Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 3 - David Thornton, Sr. ; David Walkingstick and Dick Lay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the December 12th regular session minutes. 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 the Inter-Tribal Council in Thackerville. Last Saturday was the first graduating class of the Language Master Apprenticeship Program. The dedication of the Grove Casino is scheduled for tomorrow. This new casino has created 175 new jobs in Delaware County. In one month they will break ground on the long anticipated expansion at W. W. Hastings. Chief Baker read a list of Cherokee citizens who have passed 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 Crittenden honored Dale Leon Johnson, Shad Nicholas Taylor and Jimmy Donald Quetone as Cherokee Veterans and awarded them with the Warrior Award and Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty, Director of the Community and Culture Outreach, gave an overview of his programs and highlights from their 2016 Annual Report. He touched on the COTTA Program, their training videos, their Facebook page, the annual Community Leaders Conference, their Volunteer Program, the At Large Organizations and those meetings, Cultural presentations, Community Work/Build Program, History and Preservation and The Cherokee Masters Language Program.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton provided highlights from their first quarter of this fiscal year. They submitted \$293,000 in tax collections back to the tribe. He recognized Amy McCarter, CNB Community Relations Manager, who gave a brief overview of their fund raising efforts for the Heart of a Nation Campaign. She requested the Community Impact Team Captains who are either CNB or CNE employees to introduce themselves. They presented to the Chief, Deputy Chief, Council and Cherokee Nation Health Administration with a check for \$21,406.67. Mr. Slaton announced the grand opening for the Cherokee Casino Grove will be held tomorrow. Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People has launched Season 3. They currently have 6,686 employees and 4,742 once the contract and temporary employees are excluded. Their Cherokee percentage is 73.5% with 6.8% other Native American and a total Native American employment of 80.3%.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [16-122](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Baker moved to approve by acclimation. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-01-17

2. [16-123](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve by acclimation. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-02-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:47 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.