



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, July 10, 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 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 Baker made a motion to approve the June 19th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Outgoing Council Members Garvin, Snell, Baker and Thornton each spoke of their time served and their accomplishments. Speaker Byrd presented them each with a Pendleton vest.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker opened with the new recently announced foster care paid leave policy. Our Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism officially reopened Sequoyah's Cabin and

Museum. The Cherokee Nation is the host of the quarterly Inter-Tribal meetings this week at the Hard Rock Tulsa. He gave appreciation to Councilors Baker, Garvin, Snell and Thornton for their service to this great nation. He welcomed newly elected At Large Councilor Mary Baker Shaw. Chief Baker took a moment to read the list of those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month. He requested a moment of silence in recognition of those lost.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Baker recognized Jack Hiram Devera and his grandson Shawn Allen Hutchison with the Cherokee Warrior Veteran Awards.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the financials and highlighted the honors they have recently received. Cherokee Cultural Tourism is offering free family storytelling events on Wednesdays in July. Mr. Slaton provided the current CNB employment numbers as of June 30th; 6,799 total employees, 4,819 of which a preference can be practiced, 3,668 employees are Cherokee and 351 are other Native American. He offered to answer questions from the reports. Speaker Byrd requested an update on the Cherokee Plaza in Tahlequah. He commented he has received very nice complements on the complementary fireworks over the July 4th holiday at the Tahlequah casino.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include 2 resolutions passed out of Community Service Committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [17-071](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GABE MOSTELLER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Sponsors: Don Garvin

Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-045-17

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [17-067](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION SECURITY DEPARTMENT TO DONATE EQUIPMENT TO THE STILWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ADAIR COUNTY**
Sponsors: Frankie Hargis and Shawn Crittenden

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-046-17
3. [17-068](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 9a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-21-17
4. [17-072](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHEROKEE NATION'S MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING GRANT FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 2017 AND FY 2018 TO IMPROVE HOME VISITING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**
Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-047-17

5. [17-073](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis, Rex Jordan, Curtis Snell, Janees Taylor, Bryan Warner and Dick Lay

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

Enactment No: R-048-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd announced the Tribal Council Inauguration will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 14th.

Speaker Byrd gave appreciation to Toxie Hamilton for the sheet cake given to the Council earlier today.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:38 p.m.

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