



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, December 11, 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

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - 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; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker reported on his testimony recently regarding the 1947 Act regarding blood quantum requirements on restricted lands. He reported on the ribbon cutting of the solar canopy. The Cherokee Angel project was once again a success. The 100,000 Cherokee Nation photo identification was given out recently. He commended the staff for participating in eleven Christmas parades over the last week. The 1998 Contract Support Cost Settlement has been determined with the tribe to receive \$8ml. He touched on the construction at W. W. Hastings Hospital. Chief Baker read a list of Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month then requested a moment of

silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Warrior Veterans Stephen Allen Case, Russell Jay Feeling, Charles E. Lane and Tommy P. Terrapin with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported for Mr. Slaton. He reported on the September financials and the contributions to the tribe. He provided highlights on the current projects including the Cherokee Springs Plaza and its highway expansion. He reported the Cherokee Christmas exhibit at the Cherokee Supreme Court and Museum is now open. The Story of Nancy Ward show Auditions will be held in January. Lastly Mr. Garrett reported on the current CNB employment numbers and percentages. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Austin requested an update on the downtown pavilion and cultural pathway here in Tahlequah.

Historical Society / Heritage Center - Dr. Charles Gourd

Dr. Charles Gourd commented on the total dedication and commitment of the employees at the Heritage Center. He provided statistical information on the visits, groups and classes at the Heritage Center. He touched on discussions and partnerships with several museums. He requested two of his employees reflect on an event they recently attended. He requested Ms. Adair from the Heritage Center give a brief background of her experience at the Heritage Center and how to become a member.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

- 1# [17-109](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEACON TURNER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**
Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Mike Dobbins, Keith Austin, Mike Shambaugh, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez and Wanda Hatfield
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.
Enactment No: R-092-17
- 2# [17-128](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN ALLEN AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**
Sponsors: Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Bryan Warner, Mike Dobbins, Wanda Hatfield, Buel Anglen and Harley Buzzard
Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Hargis and Lay opposing.
Enactment No: R-093-17
- 3# [17-129](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY DAN DAVIS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**
Sponsors: Bryan Warner
Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-094-17
- 4# [17-130](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TREASURY SERVICES AGREEMENT AND GRANTING A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED**
Sponsors: Janees Taylor
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-095-17

Executive and Finance Committee

- 5# [17-131](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-32-17

6# [17-132](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-33-17

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis made a motion to amend the agenda to include two items passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[17-126](#)

ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF TITLE 18 ARTICLE 3 SECTION 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, INCREASING THE DIVIDENDS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Dick Lay

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-34-17

[17-135](#)

A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 62 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE AND ESTABLISHING THE CHEROKEE NATION SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND

Sponsors: Dick Lay

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-35-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Jordan announced a community meeting tomorrow night at the Hulbert High School.

Speaker Byrd invited everyone to the Tribal Council Christmas Social tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:56 p.m.**

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