



# 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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Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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 Taylor gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; 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

**Absent** 1 - Dick Lay

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the October 15th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker stated over the past month we had the official announcement of the new OSU medical school at the W. W. Hastings Campus. Money has been raised for OSU scholarships through CNB, the Chickasaw Nation and some private Cherokee donors to kick off the scholarship for this institution specifically. The 11th Annual TERO Awards Banquet was held at the Hard Rock recently. Cherokee Nation worked with city leaders in Sallisaw and the local communities to relocate the Oklahoma Veteran*

*Center to Sequoyah County in Sallisaw. We worked with the Vian School Board to change rules to allow Cherokee citizens to wear their eagle feathers at graduation. They will head to Arizona this weekend for At Large community meetings. Chief Baker gave recognition to the newly elected Youth Council. He requested they introduce themselves. Chief Baker read a list of Cherokee people who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Warriors Jack E. Highers Jr., Billie M. Napolitano and John G. Steel with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton finished the year end on September 30th with a record year for the businesses. He read a list of "the best of" awards our facilities won. He provided an update on the diversified businesses. The current employment numbers include a total number of employees of 72.5% Cherokee employment, 6.6% other Native American for a total Native American employment of 79.1%. He gave an update on the gaming in Arkansas. Councilor Walkingstick requested additional information on the Arkansas gaming.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of committee earlier today donating a surplus trailer. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [18-073](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE**

**COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 1A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-23-18

[18-082](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE A SURLUSED MANUFACTURED HOUSE TO BILLY GENE SMOKE (MAYES COUNTY)**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

**Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-049-18

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Speaker Byrd requested a member of the Youth Council give a report on what they have learned so far and an overview of what they are doing and some of their future plans on the Council. Miss Shelbi Turtle reported for the Youth Council.*

*Councilor Shaw announced Miss Turtle is the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma.*

*Councilor Warner announced his community meeting this Thursday at the Muldrow High School.*

*Councilor Jordan announced a community meeting in Hulbert on December 4th with Districts 1, 2 and 3.*

*Speaker Byrd recognized former Miss Cherokees Jerri Glass and JaLeSi Pittman in attendance.*

*Deputy Chief Crittenden inquired if the Hulbert Riders are still in the playoffs.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:41 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.