



# 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, September 14, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd  
Rules Committee Chairman

**Rules Committee Chair 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** 16 - Joe Byrd; 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

**Absent** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the August 10th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to move forward New Business #3 to immediately follow the approval of this motion and to add three resolutions as items 12-14 at the end of the new business items. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

3. [15-069](#)**A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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

Supreme Court Justice Angela Jones performed the Swearing in of Speaker Joe Byrd.

## STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker reported record attendance at this year's Cherokee National Holiday celebration. Tri-Council meetings were recently held at Red Clay, Tennessee which was our last capital in the East before removal. Career Services recently held a job fair for the Macy's fulfillment center in Owasso. The online Cherokee tag renewal system has been launched. Ground has been broke on the new Cherokee convenience store here at the complex. He commented on the great tool Osiyo TV Voices of the Cherokee People has been. He passed around the recently received Chief's Award from the Department of Interior for our Work Force Program. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for the very long list of Cherokee passings over the last month.*

## CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized and honored Cherokee Warriors Frankie E. Barnett, John Anthony Plunkett and John Earnest Petty.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the next board meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of September. HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary, Roger Boyd, would be retiring next month. He reported on the assistance provided to Cherokee families.*

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Ms. Slaton reported they have had a great summer at the businesses and are running approximately \$12ml ahead of the same time last year. In the month of August they contributed \$300,000 in tax collections to the Tax Commission. He gave an update on the active projects. Cherokee Nation Technologies is working alongside NASA to advance weather forecasting abilities. They are celebrating ten years of the best of the Cherokee Art Market with a special exhibit at the Hardesty Art Center on Brady Street. The Cherokee Art Market will be held at the Hard Rock on October 10th and 11th. The American Quarter Horse meet kicked off this past weekend at Will Rogers Downs. The current employment at CNB is 6,479 and have a total Native American employment percentage of 81.7%. Councilor Taylor inquired if the new Outpost Convenience store will eliminate the CNG pump issues. Councilor Lay inquired about the land sale at Kellyville.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [15-065](#)            **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA O'LEARY AS REGISTRAR FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
  
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Registrar O'Leary was not present to be sworn in.
  
2. [15-066](#)            **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LACEY A. HORN AS TREASURER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION**  
  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.  
  
Supreme Court Justice Angela Jones performed the Swearing in of Treasurer Lacey Horn.
  
3. [15-069](#)            **A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
  
*This item was considered prior to the State of the Nation.*
  
4. [15-070](#)            **A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
  
Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Supreme Court Justice Angela Jones performed the Swearing in of Deputy Speaker Vazquez.

5. [15-071](#) **A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. [15-073](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JANELLE FULLBRIGHT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**  
Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. [15-062](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**  
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.
8. [15-059](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF FUNDS, AMENDING LA-13-85, CHAPTERS 2 AND 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Executive and Finance Committee

9. [15-068](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 12B; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve substitute 12b. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
10. [15-074](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
11. [15-075](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
12. [15-076](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. [15-077](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY16 FUNDING FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. [15-078](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO RECEIVE BUFFALO THROUGH THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL FROM THE BADLANDS**
- Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. All Councilors present with the exception of Councilor Lay requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Speaker Byrd commended the Council member who attended the historic trip to Cherokee, North Carolina and Red Clay, Tennessee for our Tri-Council meetings. He also commended all of the employees for their hard work during our recently held Cherokee National Holiday. With the attendance growing each year we are outgrowing our facilities.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:51 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.