



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, May 30, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw and Canaan Duncan

Late Arrival 2 - David Walkingstick and Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the April 25th regular session minutes.
Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl handed out a report of what the Marshal Service and Emergency Management have been doing during the tornados and floods. Chair Byrd requested a quick overview of their activities during the recent natural disasters. Mr. Buhl gave appreciation to CNB for allowing their employee, Jerry Keener, a certified air boat driver assist the Marhsal Service during their rescue operations. Mr. Buhl offered to answer questions pertaining to an amendment to the budget modification during Executive & Finance Committee. The amendment is to pay the overtime, feed the staff and equipment during the tornados and flooding. Councilor Shambaugh gave appreciation for the Marshal Service's help during and after the Jay tornado. He also gave appreciation to the Cherokee Nation for the donations of bottled water. Councilor Anglen inquired how to go about getting the Marshal Service assistance during a disaster. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a missing person case. Councilor

Hatfield inquired if the Marshal Service has any jurisdiction over a Cherokee citizen in California.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Ms. Nimmo gave an update on the Arkansas ICWA case, the Keetoowah case, the Murphy case, and the Fleming case. She announced they have the Health General Counsel position and an Assistant Attorney General position open. Councilor Crittenden inquired if bow hunting could be negotiated in to the hunting and fishing compact. Councilor Walkingstick inquired as to which Constitution we operate under. He requested clarification as to which documentation is needed for the BIA to certify the constitutional changes. Clarification was requested on the tribal trust lawsuit regarding miss-managed assets. Councilor Buzzard commented he is going to inquire also in Education and Health about the use of the safe rooms at the clinics and Head Start facilities during storms. In the past he stated he was told they could not be used by the public.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported they have a total twenty-eight requests, nine of them are FOIA and of those five are outstanding, the remaining nineteen are GRA requests all of which have been answered. The website has been updated.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird reported on the Ft. Gibson casino flooding and their participation in the evacuation. He reported on the temporary closing of the South Coffeyville casino. Chair Byrd inquired about the number of employees at the Ft. Gibson casino and their status during the time of shutdown. Councilor Buzzard inquired as to if the flood waters made it inside the casino building. He inquired about gaming jurisdiction in Russelville, Arkansas. Councilor Lay inquired about all of the cabling in the Ft. Gibson casino floor.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton announced he included with his written report the background check policy and the motor vehicle use policy to follow up on questions from last month. Councilor Taylor inquired if the number of employees listed include the health employees. She also inquired if a panel has been selected for the Health General Counsel position. He requested a brief explanation of how the panel works.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-033](#) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A POLICY TO MAKE PUBLIC ALL REGULARLY KEPT JOB DESCRIPTIONS BY THE CHEROKEE NATION VIA THE CHEROKEE.ORG WEBSITE TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY AND REDUCE AND DELAY COSTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Crittenden requested clarification that this could be amended for consideration and passage with the correct amount of votes. He introduced this resolution and gave a brief background and the intent. Councilor Walkingstick commented if this is to include appointed positions or elected positions it would need to state it within the resolution. Councilor Vazquez inquired how it would reduce cost to the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Duncan inquired if the intent is to include the name of the employee holding the position. Councilor Austin commented some of the positions are outlined in the constitution. Assistant Attorney General, Chrissi Nimmo, explained the Executive Branch's position with this request. She suggested amending the FOIA law to include job descriptions as a public record. Councilor Crittenden made a motion to amend for this to be for consideration. Ms. Nimmo commented this should be an Act instead of a Resolution. Chair Byrd inquired if this would also include CNB.
Upon further discussion Councilor Crittenden made a motion to table for one month. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard requested discussion of the TERO law on the next Rules agenda.
Councilor Crittenden requested quarterly reports from Registration.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried 2:16 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Anita Christie</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>
<i>S. Joe Crittenden</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad Teddye Snell Cheryl Parrish