



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, July 15, 2013

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory-Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Absent** 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Keener moved to approve the June 10th regular session and the June 27th special session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Baker recognized the Head Start staff and the At-Large citizens in attendance. He announced the Remember the Removal bike riders have returned home safe and sound. He again mentioned the efforts of the CNB warehouse staff in t Moore tornado cleanup efforts and the request from the State of Oklahoma to do a MOU for all emergency situations in Oklahoma. He provided an update on the Baby Veronica case. He reported the first shovels of dirt have been turned at the Red Bird Clinic. The Summer Youth Program is underway with over five-hundred youth*

working. NexGen now in Stilwell will generate more jobs. The National TERO convention was hosted by the Cherokee Nation. Chief Baker reminded everyone of the upcoming Cherokee National Holiday. The First Annual Charles L. Head Day will be held next Thursday here at the Complex. Last week former Deputy Chief James Garland Eagle passed away and his family was able to benefit from the Legislation passed recently by the Council to provide for funeral services of former Chief's and Deputy Chiefs. He requested a moment of silence to remember those who have passed over the last month. Chief Baker request Ms. Connie Davis, the Cherokee Nation Health Director, help in recognizing Dr. Beth Harp and Dr. Catherine Hughes as they are a part of the first graduating class of Family Practice Residents with our partnership with Tahlequah City Hospital and OSU Medical Center. They also recognized six Cherokee Nation First Responders for their efforts and a job well done during a tragic car accident.

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Veterans James Roger Peacock and Frank Lee Payton.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the next regular board meeting will be held next Tuesday the 23rd at 5:30. They have begun accepting college housing applications. He reported they continue to work with eligible families to offer the Community Shield Insurance program.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported the businesses continue to do really well and are healthy. They continue to work on the clinics and hospital expansion projects. Last month in addition to the dividend they contributed \$284,000 to the Cherokee Nation in tax collections. He announced the technology portion of the businesses has been awarded a \$4.48ml contract with the United States Air Force. Mr. Slaton wished Marcus Hendricks Sr. a wonderful retirement. This Friday is a special night at the Joint with the Friday Night Fights with Wes Nofire. Mr. Nofire has put the fight card together and is sponsored by CNB. Both Bass Master Fisherman Jason Christie and Pro Bull Rider Ryan Dirteater will be on hand at the Fight Night to sign autographs. Some of the CNB and CN employees helped with the Habitat for Humanity House here in Tahlequah. They currently have 4,385 employees with 74% being Cherokee, 7.5% other Native American and a total of 81.5% Native American employment. He commented this is the highest percentage yet. Councilor Keener inquired about a Splash Pad. He also inquired about the Tahlequah property and the business plan.*

## AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to add two items passed out of Resource Committee earlier today: A Resolution annexing property in Tahlequah, Cherokee County and a resolution annexing property in Ochelata, Washington County. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [13-044](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROY J. HAMILTON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. withdrew this item at the request of Administration.

## NEW BUSINESS

Education and Culture Committee

1. [13-072](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CHEROKEE NATION HEAD START PROGRAM**

Councilor Byrd made a motion to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation. Speaker Glory-Jordan recognized the Head Start teachers and Director in attendance.

Enactment No: LA-16-13

Rules Committee

2. [13-084](#) **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SUPPORTING PREVENTION AND SERVICES TO TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND STOPPING HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

*Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Speaker Glory-Jordan announced this is a movement accomplished by Miss Cherokee Christy Kingfisher. Councilor Cowan Watts requested Miss Cherokee present her awareness piece. Speaker Glory-Jordan stated a report has been provided of Miss Cherokee's quarterly travels.*

**The motion to approve carried.**

Enactment No: R-058-13

3. [13-086](#) **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF CHEROKEE NATION CITIZEN KEITH M. HARPER AS THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR, DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilors Frailey, Byrd and Snell requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Cowan Watts requested this be sent to the Federal Delegation once signed. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-059-13

4. 13-087

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - PART OF BLOCK 16, SOUTH COFFEYVILLE**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-060-13

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [13-083](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-17-13

6. [13-089](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF OCHELATA ANNEX LANDS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-061-13

7. [13-088](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF TAHLEQUAH TO ANNEX LANDS IN TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-062-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Coates recognized the teachers and students present who are participating in the Summer Abroad within the Cherokee Nation program. She gave a brief overview of the program. She also introduced At-Large Citizen Darrell Patrick. Councilor Cowan Watts recognized Jason Denney of the Cherokee Nation Foundation. She commented on the just completed College Preparatory Institute held at the University of Arkansas.*

*Councilor Coates also recognized Kinsey Shade.*

*Councilor Byrd recognized his daughter, Candice Byrd in attendance.*

*Councilor Baker also welcomed the At-Large Citizens in attendance. He also gave appreciation to Mr. Patrick for attending the committee meetings held earlier today.*

*Councilor Walkingstick announced the Community Meeting at Dry Creek will be held tomorrow night starting at 7:00 p.m. He also announced the clothing vouchers will be*

*distributed on the 26th and 30th at Sequoyah High School The Place Where They Play.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:00 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.