



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, January 26, 2017

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez;
Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield;
Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the December 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl reported he is in the process of meeting with all of the new sheriff's within our jurisdiction. He received a phone call for assistance in Ketchum on an armed robbery who then fled and barricaded himself in his home. He reported they currently have four officers at the Turtle Mountain Reservation to assist them in a time of need. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the request to assist at the reservation. Chair Byrd inquired about an intercom system here at the complex to alert the employees during an emergency.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree announced he attended the inauguration of President Trump. He met with several officials during his visit to Washington D.C. He offered to answer question from the report provided. Councilor Lay requested time offline to discuss

some of the issues at Claremore Indian Hospital. Mr. Hembree commented a brief handout has been provided to the Council today.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the requests. She reported there haven't been any new requests in 2017. She provided totals for the year of 2016. She apologized for not getting the website updated and a report sent. She gave appreciation for all of the support and prayers.

Election Commission - Brooke Tillison

Ms. Beth Catron reported in the absence of Ms. Tillison. She announced the candidate packets are available at the Election Commission office. They are accepting the absentee ballot request forms at this time. The candidate filing period is February 6th through the 9th. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the Tribal Council not being able to host community meetings during the election period is for all Councilors or just those running for office this election. Attorney General Hembree stated this is a policy adopted by the Tribal Council and thought the intent was to freeze all community meetings during the election cycle. Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. stated from his time on the Council he remembered it being explicitly the expenditure of the Council's tribal funds for community meetings. After lengthy discussion Chair Byrd commented this policy isn't on the agenda and for action to take place the agenda needs to be amended.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Anglen moved to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible action of the policy for community meetings. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chair Byrd stated this would become New Business #11.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the Public School Appreciation and if there is an increase in the numbers. Councilor Walkingstick requested a report showing the increase. Councilor Baker requested a report with the At Large and extended jurisdiction broke out.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Mr. Canaan Duncan announced Ms. Ketcher is attending the Self Governance Advisory Committee meetings in Washington D. C.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird announced the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission has released the economic impact statement for 2016. He provided a booklet of the information contained within the impact statement. He commented on bills #219 and #613 currently being considered by the Senate. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if a federally chartered tribe can game. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the Casinos in the State of Kansas and their impact to that state. Councilor Taylor inquired how to obtain a copy of the Senate bills referred to earlier.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if they did exit interviews for health employees or if they have a separate human services department. He inquired if it was possible to review some of the exit interviews without breaking any confidentiality. Councilor Lay inquired if he could visit the outer clinics and speak to the employees. Councilor Crittenden commented on a situation where an employee is having difficulty getting a supervisor to sign off on certain forms. He inquired if Human Resources could review and possibly change the policy to have an alternative if this situation should arise.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [16-121](#) A RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE ALL CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT OF ALL SUBSIDIARIES IN THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Walkingstick commented the work group met and need additional time. He moved to table. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-002](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL DOUBLEHEAD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Doublehead was present for any questions. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
2. [17-003](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF STEVEN M. WILSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION
Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis requested to be added as a sponsor. Mr. Wilson was present for questions. The motion to approve carried.
3. [17-004](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CECILEY THOMASON AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION PHOENIX
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Ms. Thomason was present for questions. The motion to approve carried.
4. [17-005](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE AND AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS, INC.
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the request for waiver. Ms. Nimmo gave an overview of the request. After discussion was held the motion to approve carried with Councilors Walkingstick, Lay and Thornton opposed.

5. [17-012](#) A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN AUTHORIZE ANOTHER FULL TIME POSITION FOR CHEROKEE NATION'S STILWELL HUMAN SERVICES
- Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden gave a background for his bringing forward this resolution. Following lengthy discussion, constitutional issues being brought forward and possible compromises Councilor Crittenden withdrew this item.**
6. [17-006](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING THE GUARDIANSHIP CODE
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.**
7. [17-007](#) AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION PATERNITY CODE
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.**
8. [17-008](#) AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.**
9. [17-009](#) AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
- Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.**
10. [17-013](#) AMENDMENT TO LA 30-04 ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
- Councilor Hargis moved to table. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
11. **TMP-348** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND MAIL OUT EXPENSES USING CHEROKEE NATION FUNDS
- Councilor Anglen requested the language in paragraph 4 be left exactly the way it was and intended. Councilor Anglen made a motion to strike the proposed changes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Warner requested clarification in an election year when the chief and deputy chief are also in the election. Councilor Anglen thought the intent when the policy was drafted this was just strictly Council.*
- After additional discussion and clarification Councilor Anglen restated his motion to keep the original language and change the date as requested. Councilor Baker stated the date should read "December 16th prior to an election year". Councilor Anglen accepted that as a friendly amendment. The motion carried with Councilor Thornton opposed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:46 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>John Hammons</i>	<i>Connie Parnell</i>
<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Jami Murphy</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Tressa Hart</i>
<i>Beth Catron</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Holly Davis</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Pam Seller</i>	<i>Carolyn Allen</i>	<i>Forrest Cox</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Tim Baker</i>
<i>Jason McCarthy</i>	<i>Mike Doublehead</i>	<i>Steve Wilson</i>
<i>Ceciley Thomason</i>		