



# 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, September 16, 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 6:03 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr.; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard and Jack D. Baker

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Garvin moved to approve the August 12th special session, August 12th regular session and the August 29th special session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION

*Speaker Glory Jordan presented former Council member and Treasurer of the tribe, Gary Chapman, with a Pendleton blanket on behalf of the Council. Appreciation was given to Mr. Chapman for his numerous years of taking care of the Council at the Cherokee National Holiday parade.*

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker gave updates on the Cherokee National Holiday and the upcoming*

*Employee Appreciation Day activities. Following the appreciation day this Wednesday at 5:30 there will be a free concert to the public featuring Shawn Crittenden, The Swon Brothers and Charley Pride. This last week 129 checks were given to the rural fire departments all over Northeastern Oklahoma totaling over \$450,000. Also last week the Tri-Council meeting was held with the United Keetoowah Band, the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee each with a quorum to discuss unity, and what could be done to make each one of us stronger. He gave an update on the Veteran's Center. Last weekend At Large community meetings were held in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Dallas, Texas. This coming weekend meetings will be held in Houston and San Antonio Texas. Chief Baker read a list of names of those Cherokee family members whom we have lost over the last thirty days. After the Council added names to the list of those passed Chief Baker requested a moment of silence. Chief Baker formally introduced our new Miss Cherokee Julie Thornton, Jr. Miss Cherokee LaNice Belcher and the Little Cherokee Ambassadors. Chief Baker requested everyone keep Ms. Betty Barker in their thoughts and prayers as she underwent serious surgery today. Ms. Barker is the Mother of Council Attorney Dianne Baker Harrold and the Grandmother of Supreme Court Justice Angela Jones.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Warriors Kelly Lynn Ross Guy and William Brown.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to amend the agenda to include an item passed out of Resource committee earlier today – A Resolution Authorizing Cherokee Nation's Application for Full Membership Into the Intertribal Buffalo Council – as new business item 11. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper reported due to some scheduling conflicts the regular September board meeting was moved up and held on the 6th of September. The October board meeting will be held on October 15th at 5:30 p.m. A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd for training. Last month he attended the Formula Negotiated Rule Making Committee for NAHASDA. They assisted eighty-eight Cherokee college students through the housing program this year. They assist over 5,800 families with some type of housing assistance.*

## Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported they are exceeding last year's results at the end of July by two-million dollars. They gave the Cherokee Nation \$262,000 in tax collections for the month of July. The Cherokee Nation Red Wing division was selected by the U.S. Army Eagle Program to provide support them with their task orders. The Cultural Tourism department will be hosting the 15th Annual American Indian Tourism Conference on September 22nd through the 26th at the Hard Rock in Tulsa. The Cherokee Nation Prison Museum is hosting a temporary exhibit about the legendary Lawman Samuel Sixkiller and will showcase guns owned by Cherokee Patriot Ned Christie. The roof at the Saline Courthouse should be complete in six weeks then they will consider additional work within the preservation of the area. The Tourism Department is accepting grant applications from schools to participate in the Cherokee history field trips in the fall of 2013. The current employment is 4,465 with 74.7% Cherokee, 7.5% other Native American and a total of Native American employment of 82.2%. Councilor Garvin commented he was impressed with his recent stay at the new Hard Rock Tower. Mr. Slaton reported they have had a surveillance outage in Ramona and have had to shut the casino down. It will remain in lockdown until the surveillance is restored. Councilor Byrd commended them on the high Cherokee employment percentage. Councilor Fullbright requested a super buffet when the Roland casino is renovated.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Health Committee

1. [13-091](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM THE CHEROKEE NATION EMS TO BELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

Enactment No: R-068-13

Resource Committee

2. [13-093](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - BERRY ADJACENT TO MUSKOGEE AVENUE AND PARK HILL ROAD**

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

Enactment No: R-069-13

Rules Committee

3. [13-099](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**
- Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
- Enactment No: R-070-13
4. [13-100](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD H. FITE AS A COMMISSIONER OF CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.
- Enactment No: R-071-13
5. [13-101](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTY D. MATLOCK AS A COMMISSIONER OF CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Coates, Buzzard, Cowan Watts, Fullbright, Lay, Taylor and Keener requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
- Enactment No: R-072-13
6. [13-102](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES L. COSBY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. After a few questions of Mr. Cosby councilors Fullbright, Byrd, Glory-Jordan and Hargis requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
- Enactment No: R-073-13
7. [13-104](#)      **A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT DEVELOPMENT IN THE CALVING AND POST-CALVING GROUNDS OF THE PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD**
- Councilor Coates moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-074-13

Executive and Finance Committee

8. [13-105](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS (ANA) FOR A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (SEDS) GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN ENTREPRENEUR AND JOB DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTER**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve the amended version provided. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
- Enactment No: R-075-13
9. [13-106](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING - MOD 12b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilor Lay offered a friendly amendment to include the litigation and advocacy initiative budget requests. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-23-13
10. [13-108](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #38-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-24-13
11. [13-116](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION'S APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP INTO THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: R-076-13

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Fishinghawk announced October 8th they will have a dinner at the Stilwell High School.*

*Councilor Cowan Watts announced October 21st from 1:00 to 8:00 the photo I.D. group will be at Sperry City Hall and on November 12th from 1:00 to 8:00 at the Chelsea Civic Center. She and Council Keener will be hosting a town hall meeting on health care from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Claremore County Fair board on October 29th.*

*Councilor Fullbright introduced her and Councilor Garvin's family in attendance . She announced she and Councilor Thornton would be having their annual community meeting at Blue Ribbon Downs.*

*Councilor Byrd gave appreciation to all of the staff for their hard work during the Cherokee Holiday and the pow wow.*

*Councilor Snell announced the photo I. D. group would be at the Northeast campus of Votech in Kansas, Oklahoma from 5:00 to 8:00 on September 24th.*

*Councilor Thornton announced a community meeting on October 15th in Gore, Oklahoma and the photo I.D. group would be present.*

*Councilor Taylor announced the photo I.D. group would be in Pryor at the Graham Community Building from 4:00 to 8:00 tomorrow.*

*Councilor Walkingstick gave appreciation to the Council staff for their hard work at the Tri Council events.*

*Councilor Fullbright announced on October 24th from 1:00 to 8:00 the photo I.D. group would be at the Sequoyah County Fairgrounds.*

*Councilor Glory Jordan gave appreciation to the Council staff for their hard work with the extremely busy year we have had.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:11 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.