



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Monday, December 16, 2019

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the November 13th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl gave highlights from the report and offered to answer questions. Councilor Shaw inquired about the security at the new outpatient clinic and the emergency room.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Ms. Hill gave an update on the gaming compact, the United Keetoowah Band seventy-six acres, the Murphy case, and the Bracken ICW case. Councilor Shaw inquired about a citizen obtaining something in writing stating the child she will give birth to as a surrogate is not a Cherokee citizen. Councilor Deere inquired about the gaming compact impact on vendors on January 1st. Councilor Shaw inquired about sports betting within the gaming compact. Councilor Buzzard inquired about an email

pertaining to electronic signatures of patients from the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there are a total of thirty-eight requests, one of those is outstanding at this time. She offered to answer questions.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swebston

Ms. Swebston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin inquired about the timeline of the new Catoosa office.

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor requested a board meeting schedule for 2020. Councilor Buzzard inquired why they pulled out of the Oklahoma Tribal Regulators Association and the INTRGA. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on an email received that the gaming staff are not being sent to the conferences and if they do go it is on their own time.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Deere inquired about notification to job applicants.

OLD BUSINESS

- [19-096](#)** AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND INCORPORATE CERTAIN CHEROKEE TRIBAL TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND CULTURE

Councilor Nofire made comments in support of the proposed amendment and read from the NICWA website. He made a motion to approve. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion.

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to table indefinitely. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. Councilor Coates requested clarification if the motion was to kill the bill or just table to another date. Chair Byrd requested Attorney General Hill and Council Attorney Brown come forward and provide clarification on the amendments proposed. Ms. Hill stated this is a tremendously complex issue and they would request additional time. Following additional comments and concerns Chair Byrd suggested tabling to allow the Attorney General and our attorney work through this especially with a pending ICW case in the 5th Circuit Court.

Councilor Patzkowski withdrew her motion to table indefinitely.

Councilor Nofire withdrew his motion to approve.

Councilor Duncan made a motion to table. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [19-100](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN LENDING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, L.L.C., A CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Treasurer Tralynna Scott introduced CFO, Doug Evans, and Treasurer, Kim Barnett, from CNB. Mr. Evans gave a background for the resolution requested. Councilor Taylor requested clarification that this is not a loan and that it will not be used for employee bonuses. Following questions of clarification the motion to approve and forward to Council this evening carried with several Councilors being added as sponsors.

- 2. [19-101](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. Councilor Taylor requested some clarification. Councilor Nofire inquired about the process for adding additional sites. All Councilors requested to be included as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with the request to forward to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:20 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Janice Walters</i>
<i>Sonja Glory</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Jim Carrington</i>	<i>Kim Barnett</i>	