



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Thursday, August 30, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Chair Byrd relayed a message that Councilor Crittenden had responsibilities at the school and will not be in attendance.*

**Present** 15 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Absent** 1 - Shawn Crittenden

**Late Arrival** 1 - Harley Buzzard

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 10th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl reported along with the Cherokee Nation Child Support Services they have implemented a warrant amnesty program. They have also assisted in court filings and the recovery of funds back to the children. Councilor Shaw inquired about security for the upcoming holiday. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the total number of Marshals and how many of those are on patrol. He commended the Marshal Service for their efforts during the school lockdown recently. Councilor Shambaugh gave appreciation for their efforts and support during cruise night in Jay. Councilor Austin requested clarification on item #6 on the report always showing Claremore with 0.*

Chair Byrd inquired if we have cross-deputation in every county.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Ms. Nimmo reported a couple of weeks ago the Attorney General's office co-hosted a meeting with U.S. Attorney's. They are actively working on an amicus brief in the Murphy case. The Attorney General's office has initiated a phone and mail survey pertaining to health care for use litigation purposes. They are looking for a Cherokee attorney to hire in their office. Councilor Taylor inquired if they have spoken to the U.S. Attorney's Office in regard to the federal enclave at Claremore Indian Hospital. She requested clarification on the consolidation of the opioid cases. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification in regard to the amicus brief in the Murphy case. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the survey including who the names and addresses were obtained. Councilor Lay inquired if the Attorney General's Office is actively working in the federal enclave issue. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the enclave situation and a possible cooperative agreement.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin stated they have eleven total requests for the year. One new FOIA and one new GRA which are both outstanding at this time. The website has been updated.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to address any questions from the report provided. Councilor Swepston commented on the fast and simple process and system. She reported they have purchased an intercom system for the Tahlequah office and if works well will purchase for Catoosa. Councilor Austin voiced concern for the Catoosa and Collinsville offices being slammed.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird reported ball and dice were introduced into live play last Monday. The FY18 external audit for the casinos has kicked off. The NGTCR Conference is September 18th at the Mystic Lake Casino. The NIGC is having a Thirty Years of IGRA Conference on October 16th in Washington D. C. Mr. Hummingbird reported his current Compliance Manager, Gina Caviness, has accepted a position with the NIGC. Councilor Smith inquired if there are additional tables for ball and dice coming. Councilor Walkingstick commended Hummingbird's daughter for going before the Senate of Indian Affairs Committee representing the Cherokee Nation and the preservation of our Immersion Program.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton reported on his attendance at a Human Resources in Indian Country Conference. He briefly gave an overview of the raw data provided in regard to the time it takes to fill a position. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the time to run a specific report. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on a report provided.

## OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Chair Byrd recognized Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians Councilor Richard French and his wife in attendance.*

1. [18-058](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING FRANKIE HARGIS TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Taylor made a motion to nominate Councilor Frankie Hargis as the Tribal Council Secretary. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [18-059](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES SIMMONS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be included as sponsors. The motion carried.**
  
3. [18-060](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DIANNA MAYFIELD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be included as sponsors. The motion for approval carried.**
  
4. [18-066](#) TO BE WITHDRAWN - A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHAWNA S. BAKER AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve and read a statement into the record. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Ms. Baker read an opening statement. Following numerous questions and concerns the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**  
  
**Yea:** 10 - Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mike Dobbins  
  
**Nay:** 6 - Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh and Mary Baker Shaw

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Byrd recognized John Paden and commented on the announcement of his retirement. The Council presented him with a Cherokee Nation Watch for his years of dedication and service.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:48 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Lacey Horn</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>James Simmons</i>	<i>Dianna Mayfield</i>	<i>Shawna Baker</i>
<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Phyllis Lay</i>
<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Richard French</i>