



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, May 12, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - 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; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker moved to approve the April 14, 2014 regular session minutes. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Lay moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution authorizing the grant application for the youth shelter. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker commented his Administration fully supports the transparency in government and commended Speaker Jordan and Rules Chair Byrd for their

formation of a work group to amend both the FOIA and GRA legislation. He announced they have broken ground on a new replacement casino at Roland. He provided updates on the Freedman and UKB court cases. Our Treasurer Lacey Horn was named Executive of the Year by the Native American Finance Officers Association. The tribe is going green by replacing a portion of our transit buses through a federal grant. May was recognized as Foster Care Month through a Proclamation. Twenty-Seven Cherokee Nation citizens in Oklahoma earned Gates Millennium Scholarships. Chief Baker announced the four Gates Scholars who attend Sequoyah High School. He recognized the art students at Sequoyah High School who participated in a contest raising awareness for foster care. Chief Baker also recognized Miss NSU Tasha Atcity a Cherokee citizen; he presented her with a Cherokee Nation pin and seal. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month. Chief Baker also recognized the Council's Legal and Legislative Coordinator, Shelli Brittain as her son Colby Brittain a senior at Tahlequah High School is a Gates Scholar.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored veterans Richard Jay Birdtail, John Blackwood and Benny Lawrence Summerfield with the assistance of Rick Robinson. Deputy Chief Crittenden also recognized Cherokee citizen Foster Hackworth a 2013 Sequoyah graduate, the son of Commerce employee Melinda Cookson and grandson of Council Attorney Dianne Barker Harrold has just graduated from the Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced this month's regular board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:30. He attended the third session of the Negotiated Rule Making Committee for the Indian Housing Block Grant Formula and will have a fourth session in June. This month marks the Housing Authority's 48th year of providing services to our families. Today they provide assistance to more than 6,000 families on a monthly basis.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported February was a great month and they added \$285,000 in tax collections to the tribe. The four clinics are out of the ground in various stages. The hospital is the final stages of design. Last month Chuck Garrett was promoted to Executive Vice President of CNB, he is a Cherokee citizen. He provided an update on the new hotel and casino replacement at Roland. Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions recently began work for the National Park Service in Florida. Their Health Care Services has been awarded a contract with Evans Army Community Hospital in

Ft. Carson, Colorado. The employees have provided more than 1,800 pints of blood over the past year. Mr. Slaton reported the current Cherokee percentage 74% other native at 6.9% and a total Native American employment at 80.9%.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Education and Culture Committee

1. [14-039](#) **A RESOLUTION FOR CHEROKEE NATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EQUAL PER CAPITA FUNDING TO ALL ELIGIBLE JOHNSON-O'MALLEY STUDENTS AT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN THE 14 COUNTY JURISDICTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOR THE FY'15 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

Enactment No: R-032-14

Resource Committee

2. [14-031](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL TRUST LAND (CMS-2 & CMS-3) TO JAMEY CROLEY AND JEREMY CROLEY ROW TAH-317, 318 AND 319**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Speaker Glory Jordan offered a friendly amendment to change "sold" to "transfer" and to add language that it reverts back to the tribe if sold and compensation for the right of way. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-033-14

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [14-042](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 8b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve substitute Mod. 8b. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Council CPA, Jody Reece, gave an overview of the changes in the substitute Mod. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-10-14

4. [14-045](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 5a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve substitute Mod. 5a. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the changes. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-11-14
5. [14-046](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES TO THE BASIC CENTER RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM, U. S. FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU**
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-034-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Hargis announced and congratulated Government Relations employee and District 7 resident, Canaan Duncan on the birth of their first child born this morning.

Councilor Snell announced a community meeting at the Salina Clinic on the 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Buzzard introduced Veteran Benny Summerfields family in attendance .

Deputy Speaker Fullbright announced Belfonte would be having an end of school picnic on the 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Speaker Glory Jordan thanked everyone for the goodies this evening and reminded everyone this is Foster Care Awareness Month .

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:57 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on June 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.