



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, December 14, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

Absent 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the November 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker requested everyone keep Councilor Hargis' mom in their prayers. He announced through Cultural Tourism CNB has made a \$4ml commitment to Northeastern State University to save and protect Seminary Hall. The new hotel at Roland has been dedicated. The just released and now available in the gift shops is the new edition with large print and red lettered New Testament Bible. He gave appreciation to all of the employees who have helped with the angel tree project as this year we will help over 2,000 Cherokee kids. He announced today is the

anniversary of Wilma P. Mankiller becoming our first woman Principal Chief in 1985. He recognized in attendance today, Mark Downing, who was a vital member of Chief Mankiller's leadership team. Chief Baker recognized the newly sworn in Cherokee Youth Council and requested they stand and introduce themselves. Lastly he recognized the Renegades all Indian men's basketball team who in 1981 won the National Indian Athletic Association National Championship and have each gone on to earn their college degrees. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for the Cherokees who we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Warriors Robert Leon Alberty, Eugene Franklin Emberton and Mark Wayne Cartwright.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced this Thursday afternoon will be their staff development, board meeting and employee Christmas dinner at the Hard Rock. He gave an update on the open position at HUD for the Deputy Assistant Secretary. He reported they provide assistance of some sort to over 6,600 families each month.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the end of fiscal year 2015 results. He announced the Roland hotel grand opening was held this week. Cherokee Nation Businesses has received the Earl Sneed Business in the Arts award recognizing businesses and corporations for outstanding support of the arts. The Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Museum is hosting a new exhibit this Christmas season featuring Christmas displays similar to those of the first Cherokee Nation Christmas celebration with the Moravian missionaries. Our Cherokee Services Group secured a \$45ml contract to continue working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The CNB employees continued their generous efforts with the angel tree and in addition CNB donated \$20,000 to full fill any unmet angel needs. The current employment at CNB is 6,460, 4,659 with the exclusion of the contract and temporary employees. The Current Cherokee percentage is 73.5%, other Native American is 8% for a total of 81.5% Native American employment.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include 2 items passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resource Committee

1. [15-087](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY**
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

2. [15-088](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JANIE DIBBLE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**
Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [15-089](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NATHAN E. BARNARD AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD**
Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [15-091](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF FARRELL PRATER AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**
Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. [15-092](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. [15-093](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF AMON BAKER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the

motion. The motion carried.

Executive and Finance Committee

7. [15-094](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGION FOR WILDLAND AND FIRE MANAGEMENT**
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. [15-097](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER CARTER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. [15-101](#) **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHEROKEE RENEGADES ALL INDIAN MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**
- Councilor Hatfield moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Crittenden announced he had failed to mention some Stilwell residents who passed over the last month; Inez Proctor and Greg Hardbarger.

Deputy Speaker Vazquez announced the Adair Warriors are the Class A-2A Football State Champs. She also invited everyone to the Council Christmas Social tomorrow in our Council offices at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker Byrd commented the Cherokee Youth Council for be present this evening. He stated we are a blessed tribe and requested the elders and the needed be kept in prayers over the holidays. Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:51 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on January 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.