



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

Thursday, September 27, 2007

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frailey called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Soap gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Bill John Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Absent 2 - S. Joe Crittenden and Don Garvin

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of August 30th regular session. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to move new business before reports. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to amend the agenda to move items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 under new business up to be considered before reports. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF MIKE CRAWLEY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of the renomination. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF TERRI DANIELS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Jack Baker moved for the approval of the renomination. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GERALD LEE WOFFORD AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX

Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval of the nomination. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEACON TURNER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION EDUCATION CORPORATION

Councilor Jack Baker moved for the approval of the nomination. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MIKE MC EVER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD

Councilor Anglen moved for the approval of the nomination. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RALPH KEEN, JR. AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the nomination. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHANNON FISHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of the nomination. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service:

Sharon Wright

Sharon Wright stated due to intensifying some activity in Adair County because of some issues there have also been some citizens who have asked Council to inquire why the Marshal Service is always there. She encourages the Council to ride with the patrolman to see where they go, what they do and what their processes are. Danny Tanner, Lieutenant over patrol can arrange for any Council member to ride with an officer if they choose to do so. Written report was provided.

Ms. Wright also reported that GEG has continued to be investigated and is still moving consistently. They have issued some subpoenas and they are looking into those records that have caused more subpoenas to go out to other areas.

Justice Department:

Diane Hammons

Diane Hammons reported they just completed their jury term last week and were 100% successful. Many of their staff volunteered during the Cherokee Holiday and she attended the second day of the State of Sequoyah Conference. Sara Hill is working with Sequoyah High School on their debate team. Sara Hill is also coordinating the second child abuse interviewing seminar for November 5-7, 2007. Child Support will be getting its first set of cases from the State on October 1, 2007 and they expect a continued influx of cases. Written report was provided.

Election Commission:

Patsy Eads Morton

Pasty Eads Morton reported 1000 registration of new voters has been completed and approximately 500 more to complete. The ongoing problem they currently have is that cards are coming back with bad addresses. The 2003 election records are not going to be destroyed. There was a vote by the Commission to save and secure the records. A meeting is scheduled for this evening at 6:00 p.m. to close out term.

Tax Commission:

Sharon Swepston

Sharon Swepston reported the year to date motor vehicle revenue through August compared to FY'06 has increased by 7.58% and revenue and taxation year to date comparison through July showed an overall increase of 10.70%. Written report was provided.

Self-Governance:

Vicki Hanvey

Vicki Hanvey announced that Dr. Charles Grim role is being vacated and Robert McSwain will be Acting Director of the IHS. They also just received word that the IHS Self-Governance Director has been filled.

Gaming Commission:

Jamie Hummingbird

Jamie Hummingbird was not present to give report. He is attending a conference in Minnesota.

Codification

Todd Hembree

Todd Hembree stated with the passage of the 2007 budget, Mrs. Hammons has a position for an intern and is going through the posting process for that position. One of the main goals for this position is to help organize the materials on codification and to work hand in hand with a new position being created at the Tribal Council for Legistar.

GEG Investigation Report

Diane Hammons

This report was given by Sharon Wright with the Marshal Service report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES

Vicki Hanvey stated the membership dues are \$25,000 which will be shared by the Executive and Legislative Branch. Chief Smith would be the delegate with alternates being Tribal Council, and also representing the administration would be Paula Ragsdale, Melanie Knight, Melissa Gower, and Flossie Girty.

Councilor Anglen moved for the approval of the resolution. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL LAWS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION; AMENDING
TITLE 25 - "DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS" OF THE CHEROKEE
NATION CODE ANNOTATED

Todd Hembree stated there are two acts in the packet but only one the agenda and would ask that a motion be made to amend the agenda so they may take action on both acts. Both acts are basically changing terms of President of Council, membership of the codification board and bringing in line the forms of our resolution and legislative acts to coincide with the new constitution.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda for the purpose of including both Acts for consideration. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. AN ACT AMENDING LA-1-85 REQUIRING FORMATION OF THE CODIFICATION COMMITTEE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion for the approval. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried by acclamation.

10. AN ACT AMENDING LA-2-85 REQUIRING SPECIFIC FORM FOR ENACTMENTS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion for the approval. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried by acclamation.

11. A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING LA#43-2003 AND LA 2-06, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECTS, ADDING NEW LANGUAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Cowan Watts withdrew this item.

12. RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval of the Rules of Procedure governing the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion for a friendly amendment to make a correction on page 3; Sergeant of Arms should be listed as item D. Councilor Cowan Watts accepted the change.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion for a friendly amendment to have the Marshal of Cherokee Nation or designee to be designated as the Sergeant of Arms. Councilor Cowan Watts accepted the friendly amendment.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion for a friendly amendment to correct a scrivener's error on page 9, the word debt should be debate. Councilor Cowan Watts accepted the friendly amendment.

Motion carried with amendments.

13. APPROVAL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL COMPUTER USAGE POLICY

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion for the approval of the compute usage policy. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Frailey stated she would like the Council to form a sub-committee out of the Rules committee for an election law analysis reform of the election laws to better serve the election purposes. She asked a show of hands for the Council members who which to serve on the sub-committee. Members are as follows:

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| <i>Buel Anglen</i> | <i>Bill John Baker</i> |
| <i>Jack D. Baker</i> | <i>Cara Cowan Watts</i> |
| <i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i> | <i>Janelle Fullbright</i> |
| <i>Tina Glory-Jordan</i> | <i>Jodie Fishinghawk</i> |
| <i>Brad Cobb</i> | <i>Julia Coates</i> |
| <i>Meredith Frailey</i> | |

Todd Hembree suggested an invitation be extended to the Executive Branch and the Election Commission for their input.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 25th at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cobb moved for adjournment. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Sharon Wright</i> | <i>Vicki Hanvey</i> | <i>Diane Hammons</i> | <i>Callie Catcher</i> |
| <i>Margaret Raymond</i> | <i>Laura Adair</i> | | |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| <i>Raymond Vann</i> | <i>Todd Hembree</i> | <i>Gerald Wofford</i> |
| <i>Teri Daniels</i> | <i>Mike Crawley</i> | <i>Ralph Keen</i> |
| <i>Emily Bushyhead</i> | | |

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____