



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

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Monday, December 10, 2012

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory-Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. She stated following the invocation would be the Cherokee Warrior Awards.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Veterans Isaac Christie, Joe Grayson, Woodrow Ross, and Buddy Ross.*

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Garvn moved to approve the November 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to include 10 items passed out of committees today as items 4 through 13 under new business and to move item 1 and 10 under new business to immediately follow the passage of this motion. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-143](#)

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANGELA JONES AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**

*Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. After questions were asked of the nominee Councilors Fishinghawk, Byrd, Baker, Walkingstick, Lay, Thornton, Hargis, Fullbright, Garvin and Snell requested to be added as sponsors.*

**The motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 16 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Lee Keener Jr.;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Cara Cowan Watts;Julia Coates;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Nay:** 1 - Meredith Frailey

Enactment No: R-103-12

10. [12-150](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LA#06-10, LA#39-05 AND LA#7-97; REVISING TITLE 26 ("ELECTIONS") OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. After discussion was held the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 14 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Cara Cowan Watts;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Nay:** 3 - Jack D. Baker;Lee Keener Jr. and Julia Coates

Enactment No: LA-46-12

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Bill John Baker commented they have been extremely busy over the last month attending community meetings, parades and the lighting of the Court House Square. He gave an update on the Angel Tree. Tomorrow is the grand opening at the Cherokee Casino in Ft. Gibson. On Wednesday the Tag Office will be closed at all*

locations for training. The afternoon of Friday the 21st the staff will have their annual Christmas party at Sequoyah High School and will receive two hours of administrative leave. On December 18th here at the complex an open house will be held with door prizes and pictures with Santa. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month. Principal Chief Baker recognized Briggs 4th grader Caleb Davis with a Cherokee National Medal of Patriotism for performing the Heimlich maneuver on his friend who was choking. He also recognized Chris Vance and Craig Potts with Cherokee National Medals of Patriotism for rescuing two elderly women from a burning car. He wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced their next board meeting would be next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The Housing Authority offices will be closed on Thursday, December 20th for staff development and training. They continue to work hard with the new home program. He provided an update on the Community Shield Insurance program. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired how many families are currently in homes. Councilor Walkingstick inquired as to the biggest obstacle in getting the homes going.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton announced he would be reporting on financials through September 30th. He stated it is one of the best years both CNE and CNB have enjoyed. In addition to the monthly net income provided they contributed \$270,000 in tax collections to the Nation. Cherokee CCRC has been awarded three multiple task award orders. Their Cherokee Nation Business, Leadership and Development Team were awarded the 2012 Excellence in People Development Award by the American Society of Training and Development. He provided an update on the new Ft. Gibson Casino. The Cherokee Casino in Tahlequah contributed \$10,000 to the Cherokee Nation Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program. CNB contributed \$20,000 to the Cherokee Angel Tree Program and had 568 angels adopted. They currently have 4,237 employees with a Cherokee percentage of 71%, other Native American at 7.6% for a total Native American percentage of 78.6%. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Garvin inquired about the situation at Fair Meadows and the possibility of reopening Blue Ribbon Downs. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if we had any involvement with the deal made with the Creeks. She inquired if there is a plan for any other casino expansions or new locations. She asked if the Wind Farm Resolution has been shared with the Realty Department here at the Nation. Councilor Keener asked about the status of the Tribal Council policy. Councilor Coates commented the actuals requested for Kalyn Free duties at CNB haven't been recieved.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [12-144](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING - MOD 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. After some discussion was held and concerns were voiced the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:
- Yea:** 10 - Don Garvin;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd
- Nay:** 6 - Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Meredith Frailey;Lee Keener Jr.;Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates
- Not In Room:** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.
- Enactment No: LA-47-12
3. [12-147](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #38-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:
- Yea:** 16 - Buel Anglen;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Meredith Frailey;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Lee Keener Jr.;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Cara Cowan Watts;Julia Coates;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd
- Not In Room:** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.
- Enactment No: LA-48-12
4. [12-110](#)      **AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER RESIDENCY OF CITIZENS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**
- Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-49-12

5. [12-148](#)      **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COUNCIL WARRIOR AWARDS TO RECOGNIZE CURRENT AND PAST COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR MILITARY SERVICE**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve with the amendment to strike executive cabinet members and replace with Chief and Deputy Chief. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-104-12
6. [12-149](#)      **AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BURIAL CEREMONY OF CURRENT AND FORMER PRINCIPAL AND DEPUTY CHIEF'S OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND PROVIDING A STIPEND TO THEIR FAMILY FOR BURIAL ASSISTANCE**
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilors Walkingstick and Lay requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried by acclimation with Councilor Byrd abstaining.
- Enactment No: LA-50-12
7. [12-145](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LA#01-01 AND 07-10, "THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE"; AMENDING ALLOCATION OF REVENUES**
- Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.
- Enactment No: LA-51-12
8. [12-146](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 03-09 AND TITLE 68 CHAPTER 3 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - SALES TAX; AMENDING THE ACT TO PROVIDE VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS WHO ARE CHEROKEE NATION CITIZENS ONLY BUT CONTINUING EXEMPTIONS FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERANS FOR ALL VETERANS**
- Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilors Fishinghawk, Hargis, Keener, Walkingstick, Lay, Thornton, Snell, Byrd, Fullbright, Garvin, Cowan Watts and Anglen requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried by acclimation.
- Enactment No: LA-52-12
9. [12-152](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CHEROKEE CITIZEN MARKWAYNE MULLIN**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.
- Enactment No: R-105-12

11. [12-153](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USEPA OFFICE OF PESTICIDES**
- Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-106-12
12. [12-154](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AN EXCHANGE NETWORK GRANT**
- Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-107-12
13. [12-162](#)      **A RESOLUTION ALLOWING CHEROKEE NATION TO BEGIN THE APPROVAL PROCESSES FOR LEASES OF LAND AT CHILOCCO TO THE CHILOCCO WIND PARK, LLC TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP A WIND FARM**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. After discussion was held and concerns were voiced the motion to approve carried with Councilor Lay in opposition.
- Enactment No: R-108-12

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Fishinghawk announced the District 2 community meeting would be held next Monday at the Stilwell cafeteria.*

*Councilor Snell announced they would have a District 2 Christmas dinner at the Little Kansas High School cafeteria on the 21st at 5:00 p.m.*

*Councilor Fullbright introduced the Redbird Smith Clinic Administrator, Jerry Caughman, and announced he has extended an invitation to everyone to attend their Christmas luncheon on Wednesday.*

*Councilor Cowan Watts announced her Annual Scholarship Presentation will be held on January 12th at the Will Rogers Memorial Theatre in Claremore.*

*Councilor Keener wished everyone a Merry Christmas.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 8:03 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on January 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.