



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, August 13, 2018

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 Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 9th regular session minutes.
Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker announced they finalized a partnership with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create a conservation district on Sallisaw creek in Sequoyah County to protect the endangered American bearing beetle. The Cherokee Nation purchased just over sixty acres near the historic Oaks Mission in Delaware County. A road was dedicated in Vinita. We continue to provide our financial support six area domestic abuse shelters. Chief Baker touched on the upcoming National holiday. He was honored to introduce, Fighting Peacocks of Delaware County, a team of Cherokee citizens representing Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation at the 2018 USA Special

Olympics. Chief Baker read a long list of Cherokees who have passed over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee citizens Harrold D. Bruner, Larry D. Chandler, James F. Hail and Lansford Stanley Martin with the Cherokee Warrior Veteran Award.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported on the May financials. CNB currently has 80.1 % total Native American employment. He reported both the construction projects at the Hard Rock Tulsa and the Cherokee Plaza here in Tahlequah are progressing on schedule. Electronic invitations were sent out today for the topping out ceremony on September 5th at the Hard Rock. Cultural Tourism is accepting grant applications for the fall semester education tours. Mr. Garrett gave details on the exhibit now open at Sequoyah's Cabin Museum. He offered to answer questions from the report given. Speaker Byrd requested a brief update on the Cherokee Plaza project here in Tahlequah.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [18-051](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CHERRY TREE WATER DISTRICT IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-034-18

- 2. [18-052](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 6A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-18-18

- 3. [18-053](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 11A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-19-18

AMEND THE AGENDA

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

- 4. [18-055](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS TO THE CHOCTAW, CHICKASAW, & CHEROKEE (NATIONS) OF OKLAHOMA.**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-035-18

- 5. [18-056](#) **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE SECTION 184 INDIAN HOME LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Sponsors: Wanda Hatfield, Mary Baker Shaw and Dick Lay

Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-036-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd recognized CNB Board member Holderby in attendance.

Speaker Byrd announced on August 20th at the new Pavilion a cookout and singing will be held with the focus on the elderly.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:37 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.