



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, September 11, 2017

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 Vazquez 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 Vazquez moved to approve the August 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden gave the State of the Nation in the absence of Chief Baker. Deputy Chief Crittenden announced Chief Baker is in Washington meeting with White House staff over health issues in Indian Country. He touched on the long awaited Freedman case decision and stated we would not appeal the decision. We hosted another outstanding Cherokee National Holiday. Our Marshal's and First Responders have been sent on recovery efforts in Houston as they struggle with hurricane damage. We have collaborated with the Tulsa Chamber and the Oklahoma Commerce Department to bring another manufacturing company to North Tulsa.

Deputy Chief Crittenden gave a list of Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee citizens and veterans Raymon Dee Cheatham, Jr., Jamey C. Lamb and J. B. Lowery Satterfield, Jr. all with the Cherokee Warrior awards.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the last quarter of the year. He provided highlights on the expansion plan at Hard Rock. A meeting was held on the site plan for the casino here at the Cherokee Plaza. The CNB employees conducted a school supply drive for the area schools. He gave an update on the diversified businesses. CNB currently has 6,913 and of those they can conduct preference on they have 73.2% Cherokee, 6.6% other Native American for a total of 79.8% Native American employment. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution passed out of Resource committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resource Committee

1. [17-084](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING PIPELINE EASEMENT TO PHILLIPS 66 CARRIER LLC, CHILOCCO UNITS 4 & 5, KAY COUNTY OKLAHOMA**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-062-17

Rules Committee

2. [17-089](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

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

Enactment No: R-063-17

3. [17-091](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN LENDING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, L.L.C., A CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner, Keith Austin, Rex Jordan and Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: R-064-17

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [17-092c](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-25-17

5. [17-092o](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-26-17

6. [17-093](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-27-17

7. [17-094](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION BY CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EMDP) GRANT**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez and Rex Jordan

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

Enactment No: R-065-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard recognized the Commander of the American Legion Post in his district.

Councilor Crittenden recognized Cherokee Citizen Charlie Studie for his efforts in Texas for the hurricane relief.

Speaker Byrd recognized our new Tribal Council Attorney, Tahlina Nofire Blakestad. He also recognized Dr. Charlie Gourd as the Director of the Heritage Center, Jerry Holderby one of our CNB board members and Barbara Foreman the Director of the Veteran's Center. Dr. Gourd announced the next exhibit at the Heritage Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:34 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.