



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, December 16, 2019

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 Nofire gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the November 12th minutes as submitted. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced the collaboration with Oklahoma State University continues as we celebrated the topping out of the OSU College of Medicine at Cherokee Nation. This first of its kind is on schedule to open for the fall of 2020 class. The Annual TERO Banquet was held to celebrate our Indian owned business and Cherokee artists. Tomorrow he and Howard Paden will go to the United Nations to speak about our efforts in indigenous languages. The Durbin Feeling Language Center is on track to open in 2020. He gave appreciation to everyone who adopted angels from the children's and elder's tree. Chief Hoskin recognized Cherokee citizen, Ollie Starr, for

being inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. Ms. Starr was presented with a Pendleton blanket. Chief Hoskin read a list of Cherokees who we have lost over the past month and requested a moment of silence.

Chief Hoskin stated we have recently celebrated our strength as a nation through the economic impact report. He commented reminders should be given all the time to our fellow Oklahomans on the impact the Cherokee Nation has. Our position on the gaming compact is that it continues past the end of this year, this is the opinion of every tribal leader whose tribes are signatory to this contract. He stated we have always been willing to set down with the State of Oklahoma; we just are not going to do it with an arbitrary deadline held over our head. Speaker Byrd commented on the public relations in support of the tribes and the impact on the State. He commended Chief Hoskin on his leadership.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden honored Cherokee Veterans David B. Floyd, Charles E. Tritthart, and Hommer E. Turtle with the Cherokee Warrior Award.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the September financial results. He commented in December they hosted at the Hard Rock the Annual TERO Banquet and the luncheon held for community partners. The CNB Angel Tree Drive benefited over seven-hundred children yearly. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [19-095](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WAYNE COLDWELL AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Daryl Legg, Rex Jordan, Keith Austin, Wes Nofire and Mary Baker Shaw

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

Enactment No: R-070-19

Executive and Finance Committee

- 2. [19-097](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 3: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-25B-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to add items 3 through 5 passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 3. [19-100](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN LENDING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, L.L.C., A CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor, Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Dora Patzkowski, Keith Austin, Julia Coates, Victoria Vazquez, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Dobbins, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Canaan Duncan and Wes Nofire

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-071-19

- 4. [19-101](#) **AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Deere, Mike Shambaugh, Canaan Duncan, Janees Taylor, Mary Baker Shaw, Dora Patzkowski, Wes Nofire, Mike Dobbins, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates and Shawn Crittenden

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-26-19

5. [19-103](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO DONATE A METAL FRAME BUILDING TO MARYETTA SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Shawn Crittenden, Canaan Duncan and Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Taylor opposed.

Enactment No: R-072-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd announced the Tribal Christmas Social for the employees is tomorrow beginning at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:30 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.