



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Thursday, July 30, 2015

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Speaker Glory Jordan requested Deputy Speaker Fullbright chair the meeting.

Present 16 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the June 15th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Bill John Baker announced the elections are over. He gave an update on the expansion of the Wilma P. Mankiller annex here at the complex which will provide an additional 32,000 square feet of office space. Approximately thirty of our youth got to meet President Obama while he visited the Choctaw Nation. We were awarded a \$6.5ml U.S. Department of Labor grant to invest in jobs training programs. The One Fire Program continues to grow and do good work. Our Hero Program

continues to grow and prosper in its new location close to Hastings Hospital. A new thirteen mile road project has been dedicated in Muskogee County. The partnership with the city of Tahlequah for the water project at Sequoyah High School is moving along nicely. Our Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden was awarded the 2015 Distinguished Service Award by the Disabled American Veterans of Oklahoma. Chief Baker invited everyone to the August 14th at 10:30 a.m. Inauguration ceremony and festivities. He requested a moment of silence to remember those Cherokees who have passed over the past month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Veterans Leon Ryan Blackfox and Jimmy Dick Heath.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported they are taking college housing applications until August 7th. He provided an update on the Negotiated Rule Making Sessions. He announced they are really close to seeing movement on the NAHASDA reauthorization this fall. The Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation continues to provide housing assistance to more than 6,000 Cherokee families each month.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported in the absence of Mr. Slaton. Mr. Garrett reported the month of May was good with almost \$83ml in consolidated revenue. He provided an update on the current employment numbers and gave an overall Native American employment percentage of 82%. The Cherokee Hotel and Casino in West Siloam Springs is hosting their annual Blast to the Past Car and Truck Show on August 15th. The sixth episode of Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People features the Remember the Removal Bike Ride. They hosted the grand opening for the Roland Casino earlier this month with a great turnout. They anticipate the hotel and parking structure to be complete in November.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include two items passed out of Executive & Finance Committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [15-051](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LAUREN JONES TO THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX EDITORIAL BOARD**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed.

Enactment No: R-046-15

2. [15-052](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LUKA E. MADISON AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**

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

Enactment No: R-047-15

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [15-057](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE AIR CONDITIONING UNITS TO THE ADAIR COUNTY FAIR BOARD IN ADAIR COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

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

Enactment No: R-048-15

4. [15-055](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Enactment No: LA-11-15

5. [15-060](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #24-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-12-15

6. [15-061](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-13-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:31 p.m.

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