



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, March 28, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw and Canaan Duncan

Absent 2 - Victoria Vazquez and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the February 28th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl gave appreciation to all of those involved in the effort to be in compliance with the marshal pay increases. Chair Byrd inquired about the canine officers at the Hard Rock.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Ms. Nimmo gave an update on the ICWA case in Texas and announced we have been named in another ICWA case in Arkansas. She reported on the Oklahoma settlement in the opioid case and this effects on our case. There hasn't been a decision or any changes in the Murphy case. Councilor Shaw inquired about the use of "Cherokee Nation" in social media. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the wood delivery and gardens for elders. He requested clarification on the hay that was taken to

Kansas. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the ownership of Cherokee Future LLC. He requested clarification on the timeline of campaign contributions. He inquired if a donation to this LLC is a violation. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the investigation process if someone has suspicions of violations. Councilor Lay inquired if it is proper to do voter registration in the clinics. Concern was raised for Government Relation staff going from department to department inquired if voter registrations need to be updated or if someone needs to be registered.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported for 2019 there have been 21 total requests, of those 18 are GRA of which none are outstanding and the other 3 are FOIA requests all of which are outstanding at this time. She offered to answer questions.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report. She announced the board meetings has been rescheduled to April 24th.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird provided an update on the new Tahlequah casino. Councilor Taylor inquired about the machine count at the new Tahlequah facility.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton gave an update on the Marshal Service salary increases. He gave an update on the time to fill position questions. Councilor Shaw inquired why a job description wasn't available and the reasons why it was given to a Councilor when requested. Councilor Crittenden requested additional information on getting a job description.

OLD BUSINESS

- [19-014](#)** DISCUSSION ONLY - A RESOLUTION REGARDING A BALLOT QUESTION ON WHETHER TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
*Councilor Shaw stated this is to clarify a timeline of when the next Constitutional Convention is to happen. Council Attorney Blakestad gave an overview of the past timeline. Chair Byrd inquired about receiving clarification on the last constitution and its certification by the BIA.
Discussion was held on when the next convention should take place.*
Councilor Shaw suggested a work group in regard to the constitution convention. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilors who wish to serve on this work group should submit names to Ms. Blakestad or Ms. Brittain Coke.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [19-021](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE AND AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS, INC.

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Following clarification, the motion to approve carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.

- 2. [19-022](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND BINDING ARBITRATION AND AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF RANK ONE SPORT'S WEBSITE

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:35 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Paiten Qualls</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Luke Harshaw</i>
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