



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final

### TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, August 11, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.**

#### INVOCATION

**Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.**

#### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**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

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Lay moved to amend the agenda to include three resolutions passed out of committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the three new items being #3, 4 and 5 under new business.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Bill John Baker reported everyone is in full swing in preparation for the Cherokee National Holiday. He announced the Cherokee language is now available in braille. The topping out ceremony was held at the Ochelata Clinic recently. A dedication was held for a new \$2.8ml dollar road in Adair and Sequoyah County and a \$349,000 waterline in the Oaks community of Delaware County. The School Clothing Voucher Program has once again been a huge success. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month.*

## CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Veteran's Richard Acorn, Elmer Tadpole and Thomas Tadpole.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

## Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the regular board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. He provided an update on the Negotiated Rules Making sessions. He announced the House Financial Services Committee cleared HR 4329 for NAHASDA reauthorization. They will continue to accept college housing applications until the 15th of August. They have been working to realign some of their staff and resources to be more accessible for everyone.*

## Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the June financial results and stated they contributed an additional \$257,000 to the tribe in terms of tax collections. He gave an update on the health clinic projects, the Roland casino project. Their Cherokee Nation Technology Company was recently award the one acquisition for solution for integrated services. A car show will be held on August 16th at West Siloam Springs. Next week at the Hard Rock the Nancy Ward event will take place. CNI held a month long school drive to assist the students at Peavine Elementary. The ground breaking for the new South Coffeyville casino will be held in the new few weeks. The current job status is 6,005 employees with 4,553 of those being Cherokee. The Cherokee percentage is 74%, other Native American is 7.5% for a total Native American employment of 81.5%. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about free tickets to the Joint for the Nancy Ward event. Councilor Byrd commented the revenue for the Nancy Ward event goes back to the Heritage Center. Councilor Lay inquired if the Cherokee percentage for*

*the Ramona facility is down recently.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [14-074](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.  
  
Enactment No: LA-20-14
  
2. [14-075](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 11a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion the motion carried by acclamation.  
  
Enactment No: LA-21-14
  
- [14-076](#)      **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2014 IHS JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE TAHLEQUAH HOSPITAL**  
  
Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-049-14
  
- [14-077](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO RECEIVE BUFFALO THROUGH THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL FROM THE BADLANDS**  
  
Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-050-14
  
- [14-078](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO OBTAIN BUFFALO MEAT THROUGH THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL FROM THE BADLANDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA**  
  
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-051-14

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd reminded everyone of the Tri-Council meetings and events this Wednesday through Friday. The United Keetoowah Band is hosting this year. Councilors Fullbright and Thornton invited everyone to attend the grand re-opening of the Redbird Smith Health Center this Wednesday. Councilor Hargis recognized Cherokee Citizen and Boxer, Wes Nofire in attendance. Councilor Cowan Watts recognized State House Representative, Will Fourkiller also in attendance.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:46 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.