



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, September 12, 2016

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 Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 15 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

Absent 2 - Harley Buzzard and Rex Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker made a motion 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

Chief Baker commented on the reception held last night at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino to send off two WWII Veterans and four Korean War Veterans to Washington D. C. as a part of this year's Warrior Flight. This week the first organized Tulsa Metro At Large community meeting was held with over 400 in attendance. The new Fish and Wildlife Association was launched just before the holiday. He provided highlights from our recently held Cherokee National Holiday. We have purchased Sequoyah's home and over two-hundred acres in Sequoyah County from the Oklahoma Historical Society. Chief Baker touched on the recently held Cherokee Awards Banquet. The

Joe Thornton Archery Range has been dedicated and opened just behind the One Fire field. Chief Baker read an extremely long list of Cherokees who we have lost over the past month. He requested a moment of silence for those who have passed.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Chief Baker along with the assistance of Veteran and Council member Snell honored Cherokee Warriors Larry Gene Daugherty, Sam Guytino DePalermo and Lee Roy Hart. Deputy Chief Crittenden was with the Warriors Flight in Washington D. C.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported the next board meeting is tomorrow evening at 5:30. He provided an update on the storm damage to their warehouse. He reported they will be doing some office relocations soon to make more convenient. They are currently working with fifty families for major rehab of their homes. He gave an update on the number of families the Housing Authority assists each month. The Housing Authority currently has 248 employees with a Cherokee percentage of 95.2% and a Native American employment percentage of 98.4%. Next week the 9th and final Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Negotiated Rule Making Committee meeting will be held in Oklahoma City. Upon the completion of the meetings in Oklahoma City the HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary of Native American Programs will make her first official trip to the Cherokee Nation.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported in the absence of Mr. Slaton. He provided highlights of the July CNB financials. He also provided an employee update by stated they have a total of 80.1% Native American employment. The quarter horse racing will commence every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Will Rogers Downs through November 12th. Cherokee Cultural Tourism is offering a moccasin making class on October 1st. The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa was recently recognized for its outstanding work in the community by the Metro Tulsa Hotel and Lodging Association. The 11th Annual Cherokee Art Museum and Market returns to the Hard Rock on October 8th and 9th. Speaker Byrd inquired about the percentage of completion on the Grove casino. Councilor Lay inquired about the Shawnee opening a casino in Guymon.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution pertaining to the wind farm passed out of Rules committee earlier today. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Baker, Garvin, Anglen, Lay, Crittenden and Walkingstick raised their hand to show they were opposed to the motion. The motion to amend failed by not reaching 2/3rds in favor.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker moved to amend the agenda to move items 12 through 14 up to the beginning of the new business items. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive and Finance Committee

- 12. [16-101](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-21-16

- 13. [16-104c](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Enactment No: LA-22-16

- 14. [16-104o](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Enactment No: LA-23-16

Rules Committee

- 1. [16-102](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

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

Enactment No: R-070-16

2. [16-105](#) **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE'S PROTEST OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-071-16

Executive and Finance Committee

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [16-092](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO WORK FORCE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-072-16

4. [16-093](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-073-16

5. [16-094](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MARYETTA SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-074-16

6. [16-095](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. IN NOWATA COUNTY**

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-075-16

7. [16-096](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO JACKSON LAND TEAM, INC. IN DELAWARE COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-076-16
8. [16-097](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SPAVINAW YOUTH CENTER IN MAYES COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-077-16
9. [16-098](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ADAIR COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-078-16
10. [16-099](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MID-COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ADAIR COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 3 through 10 in Toto. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-079-16
11. [16-100](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR PL 102-477 ACTIVITIES**
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-080-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Warner announced a community meeting at the Brushy Community Center on September 19th.

Councilor Crittenden announced a community meeting at the Watts Community Center on September 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.

The motion carried at 6:51 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m.
in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.