



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, November 16, 2015

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 Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

Absent 1 - Jack D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the October 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Speaker Byrd announced the Council has had a long day with committee meetings starting at 9:00 a.m. this morning and a Thanksgiving lunch provided by the Head Start.

Principal Chief Bill John Baker announced he is returning today from community meetings in Arizona. Last week we were able to pass on a grant to the NORA Summit for economic development. We hosted the CDC Administrators for the

Hepatitis C cure partnership. Our Secretary of State represented us well at the White House at the Tribal Leaders Conference last month. Ground was broke for a new community building in Nowata. Chief Baker congratulated Speaker Byrd as he was elected the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Vice President for the National Congress of the American Indians. Speaker Byrd replaced the outgoing Deputy Principal Chief S. Joe Crittenden. Chief Baker and our Health Director, Connie Davis, presented Craig Edgemon, a public health nurse at our Sallisaw clinic, with a plaque for his heroic efforts. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for those Cherokees who we have lost over the past month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored veterans Christopher Dale Mayfield and Jerry Wayne Daniels.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper
No one was present to report.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the September financials and announced a very successful 2015 for the businesses. They contributed \$300,000 in tax collection in addition to the tribe. He provided a project update including Outpost #1 and the Roland facility. He announced they secured a contract with the Army National Guard in thirteen states for Cherokee Nation Health Care Services to help insure soldiers are physically fit to deploy. Mr. Slaton announced they are supporting National Heritage month by offering free museum admissions for the month of November. Also for the month of November at the Veterans Center here in Tahlequah there will be a display of information regarding the Cherokee Code Talkers. The Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People show will expand to the Oklahoma City area. The first season of the show will be on DVD available at the gift shops. Employees volunteered on National Make a Difference day by joining other volunteers in a new effort to revitalize Tahlequah with a cleanup effort. The employment percentage for CNB this month is 73.5% Cherokee with 8.2% other Native American for a total Native American employment of 81.6%. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee**15-085 AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include 2 items passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

15-090 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR DEWAYNE LITTLEJOHN AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD

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

15-095 AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard announced a community meeting in Jay on the 24th of November. Councilor Hargis announced she and Councilor Crittenden will have a joint community meeting on December 3rd in the Stilwell High School cafeteria. Councilor Vazquez announced she would be hosting a community meeting tomorrow evening at the Vinita Cherokee Health Center. Councilor Jordan announced a community meeting on December 1st at the Hulbert Auditorium. Councilor Taylor announced Mason Fine the Locust Grove quarterback and Cherokee citizen was awarded the High School Heisman for Oklahoma. Councilor Thornton announced a community meeting on November 30th in Webber Falls. Councilor Warner gave appreciation to all of the departments and individuals who participated in his two recent community meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Austin moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:33 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.