



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, June 15, 2015

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 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd 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

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

*Councilor Fullbright honored the Muldrow High School Lady Bulldogs softball team for their 2015 4A State Slow Pitch Academic State Championship.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the May 11 the regular session and the May 28th special session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Baker announced the first ever Elder Summit was held at the Sequoyah High School gym earlier today. We have signed a hunting and fishing*

*compact with the State of Oklahoma to expand our sovereign rights to hunt and fish no matter where you are in the State of Oklahoma. An economic impact statement was completed and there has been a 50% increase in Northeastern Oklahoma over the last four years from the tribe. The Remember the Removal Bike Riders began their journey last week and will return in approximately ten days. The Redbird Clinic is open with the expansion of the Wilma P. Mankiller expansion soon to follow. Special recognitions were given to this year's Cherokee Nation Summer Youth Interns. A moment of silence was requested 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 Warrior and WWII Vet Gerald Raymond Zellner.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced Mr. Cooper is unable to attend this evening.*

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced Mr. Slaton is unable to attend this evening.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Thornton moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution pertaining to the U. S. Department of Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Rules Committee

1. [15-049](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BOBBY MAYFIELD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
  
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
  
2. [15-050](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSH KING AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
  
Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with Speaker Glory Jordan abstaining.

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [15-053](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE A SURPLUS VEHICLE TO JAY EMS IN DELAWARE COUNTY**  
  
Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.
  
4. [15-048](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
  
5. [15-056](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (IEED), ENERGY AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
  
Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Lay per the request of Gaming Commissioner, Ruth Ann Weaver, congratulated our Gaming Director, Jamie Hummingbird, for receiving the Regulator of the Year Award from the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association.*

*Councilor Hargis announced the ribbon cutting for the Wilma P. Mankiller expansion will be on June 22nd at 10:00 a.m.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:26 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.