



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, May 11, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:04 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Councilor Taylor recognized the Locust Grove Lady Pirates Basketball team for winning the 2015 4A State Basketball Championship. Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick along with Speaker Glory Jordan recognized the Sequoyah High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2015 3A State Basketball Championship.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Bill John Baker announced they recently gave over \$400,000 to 129 area rural fire departments. He commented on the opening of the Ochelata clinic held last week. An update was given on the bison herd. Hospital Week will be celebrated at Hastings this Thursday. The Cherokee Nation's Economic Development Impact will be held Friday at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. An ICW public hearing will be held this Thursday. He gave special recognition to the Cherokee Nation Language Program for their accomplishments with the Cherokee language now being available on all android devices. Following the reading of a list Chief Baker requested a moment of silence in remembrance of those whom we have lost over the past month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden honored deceased brothers Larry Marble and Gerald Marble. Their brother accepted the awards in their honor.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Fullbright made a motion to amend the agenda to include 4 resolutions passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried as new business items 5 through 8.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper was on travel attending the National Housing Conference.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the March financial results. He provided updates on the current casino and clinic projects. A hard hat tour of the new Roland facility will be held for dignitaries tomorrow. The fourth episode of Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People will air on Sunday, May 17th. The employees volunteered in a state wide initiative to make Oklahoma cleaner and greener by participating in "Trash Off". Their current employment is 6121 with 73.8% Cherokee, 8% other Native American for a total Native American employment of 81.8%.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [15-036](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DURBIN FEELING AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

2. [15-042](#) **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHEROKEE NATION CITIZEN DAWN R. STOVER**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Council Attorney Dianne Barker Harrold introduced and gave a background on Ms. Stover then presented her with a flower and ribbon. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

3. [15-043](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCATION OF THE 2015 ELECTION POLLING PLACES**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [15-041](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 8a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

5. [15-044](#) **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED CHANGES MADE BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO STRENGTHEN THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT OF 1978**

Councilor Thornton raised question regarding the polling places and a location missing from the list in Sallisaw. Speaker Glory Jordan requested to revisit this item at the end of this meeting and allow time for the Election Commissioner to check on the location in question.

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

6. [15-045](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors.

7. [15-046](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - HASTINGS HOSPITAL**
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
8. [15-047](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - 44.93 ACRES**
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

RECESS

Speaker Glory Jordan called for a 5 minute recess at 6:48 p.m.

RECONVENNE

Upon the request of Speaker Glory Jordan, Councilor Lay moved to reconvene the meeting. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:53 p.m.

3. [15-043](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCATION OF THE 2015 ELECTION POLLING PLACES**
Councilor Thornton made a motion to reconsider the resolution approving the polling places for the 2015 election. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Councilor Thornton made a motion to add a District 5 polling place in Sallisaw at the Housing Authority offices. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Byrd announced the TRI County WEB Association will be hosting an All Indian Horseshoe pitching contest.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Keener moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:57 p.m.

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