



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Meredith Frailey, Speaker

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Monday, December 13, 2010

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Meredith Frailey
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Frailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

INVOCATION

Councilor Jack D. Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden; Bradley Cobb; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin; Curtis Snell; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan and Bill John Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Cobb moved to approve the November 22nd regular session minutes. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chad Smith
Principal Chief

Chief Smith gave an update on Deputy Chief Grayson's condition. He requested a moment of silence for the friends, family and loved ones who have passed over the last month. Veterans' recognized for the month were Zack Hamilton, Preston Stanley and Jess Cochran. In program updates he reported the Angel Tree was a huge success with over 1,100 angels being selected. The Cherokee Nation and Tahlequah City Hospital broke ground on a partnership effort in Sallisaw for a new dialysis center adjacent to the Redbird Smith Health Center. Apple laptop computers were provided to Sequoyah students and wireless internet was installed to ensure the students stay competitive. He announced the Cherokee National Youth Choir will hold a free holiday concert here in Tahlequah this Thursday at the Public Library at

5:30 p.m. The choir will be holding auditions by appointment on January 4th.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

Councilor Cobb moved to amend the agenda to include An Act Repealing Legislative Act 22-10 and Amending Legislative Act 06-10; Revising Title 26 ("Elections") of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated; Amending § 5, Adding Provisions for Apportionment; and Declaring an Emergency. This five district legislation was passed out of the Special Rules meeting held on the 6th of December. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion to amend the agenda failed by not reaching a two-thirds majority. The roll call vote:

Yea: 11 - Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Bradley Cobb; Chris Soap; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Nay: 6 - S. Joe Crittenden; Chuck Hoskin; Curtis Snell; Harley Buzzard; Jodie Fishinghawk and Tina Glory Jordan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland announced the December board meeting would be held on the 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart gave updates on the Ramona, Ft. Gibson, Tahlequah, West Siloam and the Hard Rock facilities. He announced CNB adopted 400 angels from the Angel Tree and donated an additional \$20,000 for angels who were not adopted. Updates were given on the CNE Tuition Reimbursement Program and the Leadership Development Program. Councilor Fishinghawk requested copies of signed contracts between them and Wilcoxon & Wilcoxon by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning to allow review prior to voting on a resolution before them. Councilor Crittenden voiced concern about second hand smoke in the casinos.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [10-136](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Jack D. Baker announced mod 2 which includes more than \$13 million in grants, including \$6.9 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation for road construction, \$1.3 million from the Department of the Interior for Sequoyah High School and \$824,000 for special education. Mod 2 also adds \$73,737 to the tribe's Indirect Cost Pool for Office Services, \$44,549 to the DOI Self-Governance Fund for Housing Improvement, \$872,858 to the Indian Health Services Self-Governance budget for water and sewer projects; \$130,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services General Fund for a SHS Individual Development Account program and \$136,502 to the United States Department of Agriculture Fund for Housing Preservation and Community Planning grants.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve by acclamation. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts announced her community meeting would be held this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at the Will Rogers Memorial. She gave happy birthday wishes to Councilors Janelle and Buel and Chief Smith and his wife Bobbie Gail, all of whom have birthdays this month.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried at 6:41 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on January 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.