



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

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Tuesday, November 12, 2013

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 6:03 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 14 - David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 3 - Lee Keener Jr.; Cara Cowan Watts and David Thornton, Sr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Byrd moved to approve the October 21, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Lay moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution authorizing a grant application for the administration of aging Title VI Grant, part A and part C and also a legislative act relating to and approving a certain compact with the State of Oklahoma to be known as the "Cherokee Nation-State of Oklahoma Tobacco Tax Compact Act 2013". Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with the items being added as new business items 3 and 4.**

## STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

*Chief Baker welcomed everyone and congratulated Councilor Victoria Vazquez on her first Tribal Council meeting. He provided preliminary numbers for the car tag expansion that began the first of November. He provided an update on the tobacco compact negotiations. He gave appreciation to Councilor Fishinghawk for initiative to include coats for kids with the clothing vouchers. Over 6,000 kids have been served this winter. Our Health Services have earned a National Award from the American College of Physicians. The ground breaking for the Ochelata clinic will be held on the 9th of December. Construction will begin on the 16th at the Wilma P. Mankiller clinic and in Jay in early January. They hosted over 350 veterans for breakfast in the new Veterans center followed by a memorial ceremony at the memorial. This is Native American Heritage Month and he attended and took part in a memorial wall at the Cherokee Removal Memorial Park in Meigs County, Tennessee. We have partnered with the U.S. Marshal Museum where the five tribes have decided to place a monument in Ft. Smith depicting the Trail of Tears. We have also partnered with the Gilcrease Museum for them to house, study and procure over 2,000 of Chief John Ross' writings. Later this month we will be part of the U.S. Mint Code Talkers Celebration. Our Secretary of State, Chuck Hoskin Jr., is currently in Washington D. C. representing us in meetings. The Cherokee Nation Commerce department has assisted the Backwoods Foods to enable them to expand their company to the Tahlequah Industrial Park. Chief Baker announced bonuses will be given this year to all employees. He gave a special recognition and presentation to Cody Parker who just returned from the National Indian Finals where he is a World Champion Bareback Rider. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month.*

## CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Principal Chief Joe Crittenden recognized veterans Ray McGee, Jeffrey Jay Butrum and John Wes Bengé.*

## INTRODUCTION OF THE 2014 MISS CHEROKEE AND JR. MISS CHEROKEE

Tina Glory-Jordan

Speaker of the Council

*Councilor Byrd introduced Jr. Miss Cherokee LaNice Belcher and read her bio. Councilor Vazquez introduced Miss Cherokee Julie Thornton and read her bio.*

## PRESENTATION BY JR. MISS CHEROKEE

*Jr. Miss Cherokee, LaNice Belcher blessed the Council with a special performance of Orphan Child.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced both Mr. Cooper and Mr. Slaton are away on travel at this time.*

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [13-124](#) **AN ACT REPEALING LA#15-96 AND AMENDING LA#32-04, "THE CHEROKEE NATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT"; AMENDING CONVERSION OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS**  
  
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried by acclimation.  
  
Enactment No: LA-28-13

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [13-125](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
  
Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.  
  
Enactment No: LA-29-13
3. [13-127](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGING TITLE VI GRANT, PART A AND PART C**  
  
Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-082-13

4. [13-128](#)      **A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATING TO AND APPROVING A CERTAIN COMPACT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CHEROKEE NATION-STATE OF OKLAHOMA TOBACCO COMPACT ACT OF 2013"**

**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. After discussion was held the motion to approve carried with Councilor Taylor abstaining.**

Enactment No: LA-30-13

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Coates introduced At Large citizens in attendance.*

*Councilor Lay announced he would be having a registration, community meeting and hog fry at the Ochelata Holiness Church on the 14th from 1:00 to 8:00.*

*Councilor Walkingstick announced they would have a community meeting on the 19th at the Dry Creek Community building.*

*Councilor Hargis announced she has organized a volunteer day at the Cherokee Children's Mission on November 30th.*

*Councilor Vazquez announced she would be hosting her first community meeting on December 3rd at the Vinita Health Center.*

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced she would be having a community meeting on December 3rd in Hulbert and on November 18th in Lost City.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:52 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday December 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.