



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, January 13, 2020

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

Secretary of Veteran Affairs, S. Joe Crittenden, gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Austin moved to approve the December 2019 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Speaker Byrd commented on our Chief being one of the "Ten people to watch in 2020" in the Tulsa World.

Chief Hoskin reported on the recently hosted Five Tribes Inter Tribal at the Hard Rock Tulsa where solidarity was needed and was present. We entered a federal lawsuit where one question is asked – did the gaming compact renew. Business continues as usual at the casinos. Our Hunting and Fishing Compact with the State has been extended for one year. Our commitment to the revitalization of the Cherokee language

continues with a partnership with Rogers State University by using their U-tube channel to make the Cherokee 1 class available throughout the country. Over the last month six students have graduated from the Master Apprentice Language Program. Chief Hoskin gave appreciation for the support of the recently passed Historic Registry Act. On January 22nd Chief Hoskin will attend the Fifth Circuit Federal Court in New Orleans to show support to protect our Indian children and uphold the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Speaker Byrd announced he along with Chief Hoskin and Deputy Chief Warner attended Lucille Wilson's 90th Birthday celebration yesterday.

Chief Hoskin requested a moment of silence after reading a lengthy list of Cherokee citizens who have passed during the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Crittenden awarded Jack L. Crittenden, and three brothers Roger A. Jennings, Stephen F. Jennings and Raymond J. Jennings with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Speaker Byrd recognized Cherokee Nation Businesses Board Members Jerry Holderby, Brett Taylor and Shaun Shepherd in attendance.

Mr. Garrett gave appreciation to the Chief, Deputy and several Council members for joining them at the various properties in ringing in the new year and the automatic renew of our gaming compact with the State of Oklahoma. He reported on the October financial performance. An update was given on the Arkansas gaming opportunity. CNB donated \$20,000 to the Cherokee Nation Angel Project. Mr. Garrett offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include items 3 through 5 passed out of Community Service committee earlier today. Councilor

Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Education Committee

1. [19-099](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FROM CHEROKEE NATION EDUCATION SERVICES TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT VENTURE FOR STAFFING, OPERATIONAL, RENOVATION, AND CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPANSIONS BY PARTICIPATING IN JOINT VENTURE PROGRAMS**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-001-20

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [19-102](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-01-20

3. [20-002](#) **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Harley Buzzard, Joe Deere and Mike Dobbins

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-002-20

4. [20-003](#) **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2020 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Harley Buzzard, Daryl Legg, Mike Shambaugh, Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere,

Victoria Vazquez and Mike Dobbins

**Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-003-20

5. [20-004](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS - INVASIVE SPECIES (IS) PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Canaan Duncan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Daryl Legg,
Dora Patzkowski, Harley Buzzard, Wes Nofire, Victoria Vazquez, Julia
Coates, Mary Baker Shaw, Rex Jordan and Mike Dobbins

**Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the
motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-004-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:38 p.m.**

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