



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, June 11, 2018

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

Deputy Speaker Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez and Harley Buzzard

Absent 2 - Mary Baker Shaw and Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the May 14th minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker gave an update on the Remember the Removal Bike Riders. The riders will be welcomed back at the Peace Pavilion in downtown Tahlequah on June 21st. The Peace Pavilion is a replica of the pavilion used by our ancestors on the original courthouse square before the capitol building was built. We are in collaboration with Northeastern State University on the Teachers of Successful Students program and STEM. Our first mobile food pantry for our military veterans and their widows was held with great success. The next mobile food pantry is scheduled in

August. He reported on the success in landing Amazon within our Cherokee Nation jurisdiction. Amazon will bring 1,500 jobs and provide a scholarship for employees with 90% of tuition paid up front. We will partner Chief Baker requested the Summer Youth Interns come forward and introduce themselves. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence following the reading of a long list of Cherokee's who have passed over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Veterans with the Warrior Award to: Doyle L. Clark, Douglas A. Ketcher, Johnny Wofford and Roger A. Young. Deputy Chief Crittenden commented on their recent trip to Will Rogers University in Claremore to visit the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett commented on his time with the Remember the Removal Riders. He announced in the month of March CNB generated more revenue and profits than any other month in our history. He reported on their tax contributions to the nation. The CNB Job statistics were given with a total Native American employment of 80%. He announced Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa has been nominated for Casino of the Year in the 53rd ACM Awards. He gave highlights on the Cherokee Nation Construction Services and the Cherokee Nation Red Wing businesses. Last month they contributed \$26,000 to replace the radio system for the West Siloam Police Department. He provided highlights on Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism and their upcoming events. They are participating in the Nation Wide Blue Star Museum Program. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include items passed out of committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [18-030](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - BECK'S MILL 39.2 ACRES IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-022-18

Rules Committee

2. [18-036](#) **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE AND AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS, INC.**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-023-18

3. [18-037](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GAMING COMPACT SUPPLEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Wanda Hatfield and E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-024-18

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [18-039](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-15-18

5. [18-042](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE A MODULAR OFFICE BUILDING TO PROJECT A ASSOCIATION LOCATED IN MUSKOGEE COUNTY**

Sponsors: Mike Dobbins

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Walkingstick and Crittenden opposed and Councilor Lay abstaining.

Enactment No: R-025-18

6. [18-040](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, OFFICE OF CHILD CARE FOR TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANT**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner, Dick Lay, Janees Taylor and Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-026-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Anglen announced a community meeting in Sperry at the Mike Taylor Park this Saturday.

Councilor Smith announced a community meeting this coming Thursday at the Blackgum community building.

Councilor Walkingstick announced the Indian All State Games are this Saturday at Bacone College.

Speaker Byrd announced Tri-Council will be held the 18th through the 20th with us, the United Keetoowah Band and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Councilor Crittenden requested prayers for Councilor Frankie Hargis.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:46 p.m.

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