



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Meredith Frailey, Speaker

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Monday, November 22, 2010

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Frailey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden; Bradley Cobb; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan and Bill John Baker

Absent 1 - Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the October 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chief Smith provided the Council members with a list of upcoming Christmas parades. He took a moment to recognize the friends and family members whom we have lost over the last month. Veterans honored this month were Joe Harless, Dewey Alberty and James L. Powell. He announced the Angel Tree kickoff is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. tomorrow in the lobby of the complex. This program helps more than 1,500 children whose families need help this Christmas. The Kenwood community building self-help project is almost complete. Volunteers could still be used to finish this project and several others like in places like Lion Switch, Rocky Mountain, Vian and Brent. The Remember the Removal bike ride is accepting applications for next year's ride at this time. A dedication was recently held for the new College Resource Center here at the complex. Notice was received recently from the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the property at the juncture of Highway 82 and 62 has been taken into trust. The plan and design for a number of years has been, once taken into trust, to move the gaming operations here in Tahlequah to this much more attractive commercial corner. The then vacated gaming building would be converted into the immersion school. We received our 9th certificate of excellence in

financial reporting by the federal government. He recognized and gave appreciation to Callie Catcher our Treasurer for this great accomplishment. Earlier this year Cherokee Nation employees were recognized for excellence in representing various Cherokee attributes. Ten attributes have been identified that embody Cherokee tradition and traits in leadership. The following employees consistently display these traits and qualities:

Employee of the Year – Chris Holmes

Respectful – Nathan Workman

Cherokee Way of Life – Charlie Soap

Creative – Lisa Evans

Integrity – Claude Noble-Suse

Communicative – Joel Bean

Cooperative – Kevin Daugherty

Responsibility – Joe Locust

Commitment – Christie Otten Anderson

Leadership – Brandy Marquez

Self-Confidence – Shonda Scott

The Tulsa Run was held three weeks ago with over 800 people from the Cherokee Nation run. He invited everyone to join together at the Cherokee Capitol at 5:30 on November 30th for a special holiday Lights On ceremony and then at 6:00 p.m. at Seminary Hall. The Cherokee National Youth Choir will hold several free holiday concerts on December 3rd and 4th Tulsa, December 7th in Wagoner, December 13th in Kansas, and here in Tahlequah on December 16th. He welcomed everyone to come join in riding on the Cherokee Nation float during the numerous upcoming Christmas parades.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland announced the December Board meeting will be held on the 21st beginning at noon. During the November Board meeting two new policies were approved on the Community Shield program. The amount of coverage will be based on the square footage of the home. Homes with less than 1,400 square feet will be on the \$80,000 policy, homes with 1,400 to 1,700 will be on the \$110,000 policy and from 1,700 to 2,000 will be on the \$130,000 policy. The annual premium for the \$110,000 policy is \$542 and the \$130,000 is \$614. They will begin processing the two new policies on the first of December.

Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart announced they are seeing year to date financial numbers consistent with last year. He commented the Joint has been a success and they have reached 90% occupancy at West Siloam. All of the subsidiaries are profitable. They have finalized the acquisition of Mobility Plus which enters them into the health care industry. He announced they have the initiative from the Chief and the Board of Directors to create career paths for our Cherokee people. One of the programs put in

place due to this initiative is in the I.T. area. He introduced Steve Bilby who is the CEO of the I. T. related companies. Mr. Bilby announced the kickoff of a program at Sequoyah High School as Cisco Network Academy. This academy basically allows the students to become Cisco certified and can be used after high school in various jobs. Councilor Fishinhawk inquired about the West Siloam Springs manager. Mr. Stewart stated he is not Cherokee, has been with the company approximately six months, brings a lot of experience and there are people under him training that are Cherokee. Councilor Fishinhawk inquired if there are any jobs on the horizon for Adair or Delaware County. Mr. Stewart stated they are gearing up to do their own laundry service and are looking to base it in Jay. They are also looking at underserved areas for Mobility Plus. Councilor Fishinhawk inquired about the medical equipment companies that are TERO certified. Mr. Stewart stated the primary focus with Mobility Plus is to service existing customers, focus on the underserved areas and go to the federal government. Councilor Fishinhawk questioned the low percentage of 47% Cherokee employment. Mr. Stewart stated the policy and procedure is to hire Cherokee first. He stated the percentage went down as a result of the ITX acquisition with most of those employees in Colorado. He stated he would review the numbers more in depth. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a good solid date as to when she would receive the itemized budgets from each entity. Mr. Stewart apologized and commented he thought it had been done. He stated he would give them to her by the end of this week. Councilor Cobb stated he has been receiving great responses from Ramona as they keep bragging on the excellent customer service.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Soap moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution pertaining to Boys and Girls Clubs funding. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Services Committee

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve items 1 and 2 in Toto. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. [10-125](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN NATION-WIDE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Approved in Toto.

Enactment No: R-95-10

- 2. [10-126](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGING TITLE VI GRANT, PART 1 AND PART C**

Approved in Toto.

Enactment No: R-96-10

Rules Committee

Councilor Thornton moved to approve items 3 and 4 in Toto. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 3. [10-131](#) **A RESOLUTION NOMINATING TIMOTHY BROWN TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

Approved in Toto.

Enactment No: R-97-10

- 4. [10-132](#) **A RESOLUTION NOMINATING MICHAEL C. KELLEY TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

Approved in Toto.

Enactment No: R-98-10

- 5. [10-128](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO DONATE (2) TELEDYNE GASEOUS ANALYZERS, SIX (6) R&P 2025 SEQUENTIAL AIR SAMPLERS, AND TWO (2) AEROCHEM METRICS COLLECTORS TO THE TRIBAL AIR MONITORING SUPPORT (TAMS) CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Enactment No: R-99-10

- 6. [10-129](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LA 01-01, "THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE"; AMENDING DEFINITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF TRIBALLY OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS**

Councilor Cobb moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-33-10

Executive and Finance Committee

7. [10-127](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Jack D. Baker announced this mod brings in grants of \$2,284,000 and increases the budget by \$1,241,000 which includes \$500,000 for the veterans' center, \$337,000 for contract health, \$685,000 for the Hastings Hospital warehouse and physical therapy building expansion, and a reduction NAHASDA funds of \$202,000 for a total increase in the budget of \$3,525,000 to a budget authority of almost \$584ml.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve by acclamation. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-34-10

8. [10-137](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAHLEQUAH, INC., THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREEN COUNTRY, THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SEQUOYAH COUNTY, THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NOWATA, THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DELAWARE COUNTY AND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CHELSEA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK TRIBAL YOUTH AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK TRIBAL YOUTH**

Councilor Soap moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Cobb offered a friendly amendment to include the Bartlesville Boys & Girls Club. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-100-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation to all of the Cherokee Nation staff who attended the week long NCAI conference.

Councilor Thornton announced Casey Stone a Cherokee from Sequoyah County just returned from Las Vegas where he won the National Indian Rodeo Steer Wrestling Championship. He suggested the sponsorship of the Cherokees who make the National Finals.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. extended congratulations to a former colleague and his father, Chuck Hoskin Sr., as he was elected to be the Democrat floor leader for the minority in the House of Representatives.

Councilor Bill John Baker announced the Sequoyah High School Cheerleaders will perform in the Macy Day Parade in New York on Thanksgiving Day.

Councilor Fullbright extended an invite to everyone to attend her and Councilor Thornton's community meeting on November 30th at Blue Ribbon Downs beginning at 5:30.

Councilor Cobb reminded everyone that today was the anniversary of the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 6:48 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.