

**MINUTES OF
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER:

Speaker Frailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers, W.W. Keeler Complex.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Cobb gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Shelli Brittain, Legal and Legislative Coordinator gave roll call. The following members were present:

Buel Anglen	Bill John Baker	Jack D. Baker
Harley Buzzard	Julia Coates	Brad Cobb
Joe Crittenden	Jodie Fishinghawk	Meredith Frailey
Janelle Fullbright	Don Garvin	Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Tina Glory-Jordan	Curtis Snell	Chris Soap
David Thornton	Cara Cowan Watts	

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to suspend the Council rules in order to amend the agenda. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include 12 additional new business items as 3 through 14 as provided in a packet. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to table old business item 1 until the next meeting. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the minutes of the January 14th Regular Session. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS:

Deputy Principal Chief, Joe Grayson gave the State of the Nation in the absence of Chief Smith. He recognized the Cherokee's lost over the last month as Violet Smith, Rhonda Jones, Shelby Washington, Emma Lou Ross, Brett Crawford, and Jack Fine. Speaker Frailey requested the addition of two Mayes County ladies as Lucinda Beaver and Susan Bluebird. He requested a moment of silence to pay respect to members and friends who have passed this last month. Deputy Chief Grayson announced Rogan Noble and the Veterans Department are organizing

Valentine's for Vets. He honored two Veterans this month as Paul Mathew Bickford and Wilson Vann. Deputy Grayson proudly stated the Three Rivers Health Clinic was dedicated last Thursday. He stated the clinic will serve all Native Americans in the area. The Cherokee Nation Education Corporation has announced a list of scholarships available for Cherokee Nation citizens. The application deadline for the seven different scholarships is the 14th of March. This Thursday a check presentation will be made to the rural fire departments within the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction. Sequoyah High School Senior Angel Goodrich has been nominated to be a Mc Donald's All American. This is an honor given to only 24 high school basketball players nation wide. Nathan Stanley a Sequoyah High School Senior quarterback has been named as a finalist in the Gatorade player of the year competition for Oklahoma. Senior Andrea Walkingstick has been selected to work as a page during the 2008 Legislative Session for Senator Jim Wilson.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None Pending)

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Housing Authority: David Southerland

Mr. David Southerland announced the board meeting is scheduled for one week from tomorrow. The agenda will consist of a memorandum of agreement between the Housing Authority and the Cherokee Nation, the 401K plan, and the consideration of a one time recruitment incentive for employees not offered a comparable position. Employee meetings have been scheduled for the 21st in the Council Chambers to go over the program changes and job offers. He stated there are countless tasks to be completed to make the May 1st transition deadline.

Cherokee Nation Enterprises: David Stewart

Mr. David Stewart stated December was a good month except for Catoosa. The ice storm had a fairly significant impact on business. He stated they provided a place for employees to stay if needed. He gave appreciation for the employee's dedication during the trying time. Will Rogers Downs 44 race days start later this month. Their financial results are significantly better than in the past. Mr. Stewart announced all the projects are going well. He stated Cherokee employment remains strong. They have 3250 employees at this time and will begin hiring at the expansions within the next six months.

Cherokee Nation Industries: Bryan Collins

Bryan Collins reported monthly sales as of January 2008 are \$6.8ml with total sales year to date at \$27.1ml. This is approximately 30% less than last year. There has been a down turn in construction sales and staffing sales at this time. Their local employment remains at 290 which is 82% Cherokee. CNI's next board meeting will be held February 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the Tulsa facility. He announced CND has been recently awarded Boeing Supplier Excellence of the Year for 2007. Only 32 companies out of 10,000 has a past track record of the last 2 years of 100% on time and 100% quality.

Cherokee Nation Businesses, Inc: Brad Carson

Brad Carson announced they held their board meeting last Saturday. He stated they would be soon announcing an exciting new health care venture. He stated this will be a profitable project

that will bring jobs and much needed services to the 14 county region. He stated there are other interesting diversification projects ongoing to be announced soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

A Resolution for the Commission of a Comprehensive and Independent Environmental Study of the Cherokee Nation Landfill in Adair County/R#

Tabled to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution Authorizing the Family Assistance Department to Submit an Application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Fifteen Elder Nutrition Sites and the Cherokee Family Caregiver Support Program/R#05-08

Councilor Buzzard moved for its approval. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion for approval passed unanimously.

A Resolution Authorizing the Cherokee Nation to Participate in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment/R#06-08

Councilor Buzzard moved for its approval. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion for approval passed unanimously.

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Roger L. Johnson as Cherokee Nation Election Board Commissioner/R#07-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Martha Calico as Cherokee Nation Election Board Commissioner/R#08-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Dan Agent as a Board Member of the Editorial Board of Directors/R#09-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of David Ballew as a Board Member of the Cherokee Nation Metalworks, LLC Board of Directors/R#10-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Adolph Lechtenberger as a Board Member of the Cherokee Nation Enterprises, LLC, Board of Directors/R#11-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Jackie Bob Martin as a Board Member of the Cherokee Nation Industries, LLC, Board of Directors/R#12-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Liz Grigsby as a Board Member of the Cherokee Nation Industries, LLC, Board of Directors/R#13-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Lloyd Armstrong as a Board Member of the Cherokee Nation Businesses, LLC, Board of Directors/R#14-08

A Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Adolph Lechtenberger as a Board Member of the Cherokee Nation Businesses, LLC, Board of Directors/R#15-08

Councilor Anglen made a motion to approve all the nominations in Toto. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Submission of the Fiscal Year 2008 Indian Housing Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/R#16-08

Councilor Buzzard made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An Act Amending Legislative Act #32-04 Relating to Cherokee Nation Sovereign Immunity and Delegation of Authority to Execute Waiver for Business Activities/LA#

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion for approval. He stated the purpose is to set a limit of \$500,000 for mundane purposes. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Roll call is as follows:

Buel Anglen	Nay	Bill John Baker	Yea
Jack Baker	Nay	Harley Buzzard	Nay
Julia Coates	Nay	Bradley Cobb	Nay
Joe Crittenden	Yea	Jodie Fishinghawk	Yea
Meredith Frailey	Nay	Janelle Fullbright	Yea
Don Garvin	Nay	Chuck Hoskin Jr.	Yea
Tina Glory Jordan	Yea	Curtis Snell	Nay
Chris Soap	Nay	David Thornton	Yea
Cara Cowan Watts	Nay		

The motion for approval fails with a vote of seven (7) yeas and ten (10) nays.

An Act Amending Legislative Act #37-07 Authorizing the Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 – Mod 4; and Declaring an Emergency/LA#03-08

Councilor Jack Baker announced this modification increases the budget. He announced a \$4,121,000 carry over funds from the tobacco sur-tax to be used for the cancer and diabetes treatment and prevention program. The housing funds increase by \$2,300,000 the motor vehicle fund increases by \$718,000 of which 38% goes to our schools and roads. Overall the budget is increasing to \$439,680,000. Councilor Jack Baker moved for the approval. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Roll call is as follows:

Buel Anglen	Yea	Bill John Baker	Yea
Jack Baker	Yea	Harley Buzzard	Yea
Julia Coates	Yea	Bradley Cobb	Yea
Joe Crittenden	Nay	Jodie Fishinghawk	Nay
Meredith Frailey	Yea	Janelle Fullbright	Yea
Don Garvin	Yea	Chuck Hoskin Jr.	Yea
Tina Glory Jordan	Nay	Curtis Snell	Yea
Chris Soap	Yea	David Thornton	Yea
Cara Cowan Watts	Yea		

The motion for approval passes with fourteen (14) yeas and three (3) nays.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to allow a 90 second video presentation regarding the Three Rivers Clinic. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Speaker Frailey requested the nominees present to please stand for a moment of recognition.

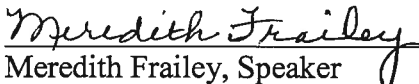
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Fullbright recognized Cherokee National Youth Council members Will Shaver, and Danielle Cole.

Councilor Cowan Watts recognized Danielle's mother and Ellen Cole. She further recognized Jimmy Johnson, Curtis Rohr, and the Bickford family.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business presented, Councilor Cowan Watts moved for adjournment. The next regular Council meeting will be held on March 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the W.W. Keeler Complex.


Meredith Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation