



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, April 16, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

**Absent** 2 - Bryan Warner and Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the March 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker reported they just returned from Washington D. C. where they attended Cherokee Days. Dr. Charles Grim has been appointed as the Executive Director of Cherokee Nation Health Services. Our physicians were recently celebrated at the Annual Our Doc's Rock Event. The latest addition of our award winning magazine Anadisgoi is available and now being mailed to tribal citizens. Chief Baker reported on our Immersion Schools entries in the Annual Oklahoma Youth Language Showcase*

recently held at the University of Oklahoma. Our JOM Director, Mark Vance, was re-elected as the Vice President of the National JOM Board. The National Department of Labor has reached out to us to take over the TANIF Program for all Native Americans within our jurisdiction. We have broken ground for the new Cherokee casino Tahlequah at Cherokee Springs. Chief Baker requested the Remember the Removal Bike Riders for this summer to introduce themselves. Chief read a list of Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

Speaker Byrd introduced the Sequoyah High School Girls Basketball Coaches and requested they introduce the State Champions Girls Basketball team.

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Veterans Charles Brave, Roy Hill and Hosea Wallis.*

*Speaker Byrd introduced Cherokee citizen, Melody Parker, of the Cherokee Capital Blue Star Mothers. Ms. Parker gave a brief overview of the Blue Star Mothers program and their activities.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the financials for the businesses. He provided updates on the ground breaking at the Cherokee Springs Plaza Casino Tahlequah and the Sprung Structure at Hard Rock. He announced Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions secured a \$21ml contract. Cultural Tourism will host a gravestone preservation workshop on the 3rd and 4th of May in Tahlequah. He offered to answer questions from the report given. Councilor Walkingstick commented on his recent visit to CNI in Stilwell.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [18-018](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to table. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

2. [17-136](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE - COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT AMENDMENT**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Crittenden, Anglen and Lay opposed.

Enactment No: LA-07-18

3. [18-013](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Crittenden, Anglen and Lay opposed.

Enactment No: LA-08-18

4. [18-019](#) **AN ACT REPEALING TITLE 10 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED CHAPTER 51, SECTION 1130(D)**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-09-18

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [18-020](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS RIFLES TO SEQUOYAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Sponsors:** Bryan Warner and E. O. "JR." Smith

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

Enactment No: R-014-18

6. [18-021](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS BULLET PROOF VESTS TO MULDROW POLICE DEPARTMENT SEQUOYAH COUNTY**

**Sponsors:** Bryan Warner and E. O. "JR." Smith

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

Enactment No: R-015-18

7. [18-024](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. IN NOWATA COUNTY**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-016-18

8. [18-022](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-10-18

9. [18-023](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-11-18

**AMEND THE AGENDA**

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Education committee earlier today. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[18-028](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Sponsors:** Frankie Hargis

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

Enactment No: R-017-18

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Crittenden requested Councilor Warner and his family be kept in everyone's prayers.*

*Councilor Dobbins announced a District 4 community meeting in Muskogee at the Three Rivers Health Facility one week from today.*

*Councilor Vazquez announced a District 11 community meeting in South Coffeyville tomorrow evening and the following Thursday in Vinita.*

*Councilor Taylor gave a shout out to twenty-one year old fancy dancer, Simon Washee, who has gone with a troop to Saudi Arabia for a cultural exchange.*

*Speaker Byrd commented on how well Mary Kay Henderson, Kathy Sierra and the Cherokee Youth Choir represent us.*

*Chief Baker announced At Large Councilor, Wanda Hatfield, is currently traveling back from the At Large community meetings held this weekend.*

*Speaker Byrd recognized his sister Jeannie Pittman in attendance.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:55 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.