



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Monday, November 14, 2016

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 13 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield and Rex Jordan
- Absent** 2 - Frankie Hargis and David Thornton, Sr.
- Late Arrival** 2 - David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the October 27th regular session minutes.
Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Scot Craig offered to answer questions from the report provided in the absence of Mr. Buhl. Councilor Crittenden requested patrol at the Cherry Tree Youth Center.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree announced they are on track to file the trust litigation later this month. They are assessing the outcome of the elections to determine the possible effect to the Cherokee Nation. He introduced the newest member of the Attorney General staff as Alayna Farris. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on what does and doesn't need to be requested by FOIA and/or a GRA. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on sharing FOIA and/or GRA information received with other Council members.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there are no outstanding FOIA or GRA requests at this time and there aren't any new requests.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. She gave an update that they are still gathering information on the veteran breakout information requested.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd requested research be done in regard to our relationship with the USDA and any funds available. Councilor Taylor commented on a workshop Ms. Ketcher attended with IHS and CSC where discussion was held that Claremore Indian Hospital has more patient visits than any other hospital and we are not receiving funding proportionate to the number of visits. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the contract support cost and the settlement payments. Ms. Ketcher provided an update on the road issues at SHS.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the Grove casino. Councilor Lay inquired about the status of the audit performed by NIGC. Chair Byrd inquired if those same type of audits are performed with other tribes.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Lay requested clarification as to which health related positions are hired by the Health Human Resources and which are hired here at the tribe. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the teachers at Sequoyah could be compensated equally as the employees at the nation including the annual increases.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-120](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification this is reappointing Councilor Hargis. The motion to approve carried.

2. [16-119](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHERYL ROUNTREE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion and requested to be added as a sponsor. Ms. Rountree gave a brief overview of her background. The motion to approve carried and was forwarded to Council.**
3. [16-113](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF M. TODD HEMBREE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. commented he and the Administration highly recommend the reappointment of Attorney General Hembree. Councilor Walkingstick requested to be added as a sponsor. Several Councilors spoke highly of Hembree. The motion to approve carried. Attorney General Hembree gave appreciation for the position and the reappointment then gave a brief overview of the accomplishments made over the last five years.**
4. [16-114](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CRYSTAL RAELYNN JACKSON AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Ms. Jackson gave a brief overview of her background. Councilor Jordan offered a friendly amendment to change the term ending date to December 31st instead of January 1st. The motion to approve as amended carried.**
5. [16-115](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARK L. DOBBINS AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT
- Following the comments of several Councilors, Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion with an amendment to correct the term ending date to December 31st instead of January 1st. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Buzzard abstaining.**
6. [16-116](#) A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CHEROKEE NATION'S SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL
- Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick gave an overview of the changes requested. Clarification of the funding for Sequoyah High School was requested. After lengthy discussion Chairman Byrd suggested tabling to allow everyone the opportunity to review the current standards.*
- Councilor Vazquez moved to table. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion to table carried.**
7. [16-121](#) A RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE ALL CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT OF ALL SUBSIDIARIES IN THE CHEROKEE NATION
- Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick gave an overview of the resolution. After lengthy discussion Councilor Warner made a motion to table. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay opposed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:26 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Scot Craig</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Courtney Jordan</i>
<i>Alana Farris</i>	<i>Sharon Swebston</i>	<i>Karen Ketcher</i>
<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Claud Stover</i>	<i>David Cornsilk</i>
<i>John Hammons</i>	<i>John Hamby</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Crystal Jackson</i>	<i>Mark Dobbins</i>	<i>Sheryl Rountree</i>
<i>Adam McCreary</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>