



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final

### TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, March 16, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

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

#### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

#### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk;  
Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David  
Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor;  
Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the February 26th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Baker requested the twelve Youth Councilors present introduce themselves. He requested Superintendent of Sequoyah High School, Leroy Qualls, pass the Girls basketball team gold ball around. He gave highlights of the other area basketball teams in the State playoffs. The one year anniversary of the opening of the Veteran's Center was celebrated last week. He announced one hundred Cherokees have jobs in Nowata County now thanks to the South Coffeyville casino. Our Health Department and clinics have received certified healthy honors from the State Health Department. Cherokee Days in Washington D.C. is coming up soon.*

*The Macy's Development in Owasso will begin hiring soon and will be open on the 1st of April. The Annual School Appreciation Luncheon will be held March 27th at Hard Rock Casino. The Cherokee Capitol Building will undergo restorations soon. They just returned from Dallas where a Cherokee At Large meeting was held. Principal Chief Baker made a very special announcement to the Tribal Council in that we have been extremely successful with Lloyd Miller as our Contract Support Cost attorney. Mr. Miller and his law firm made a joint contribution of \$200,000 to the Cherokee Nation to go toward the construction of the Cherokee Nation health care facilities. Chief Baker recognized Cherokee Citizen Mason Fine the Locust Grove quarterback and class president. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for those Cherokees who have passed over the last month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored brothers Herman D. Kennicutt and James D. Kennicutt as Cherokee Warrior Veterans.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the next regular board meeting for the Housing Authority will be Thursday, March 26th. They continue to work closely with the National American Indian Housing Council and others to see NAHASDA reauthorized this year. They also continue to work on Negotiated Rule Making and other issues. The Housing Authority will soon be able to access HUD Vash funds which are for homeless Native American Veterans. He provided an update on the college housing assistance program.*

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton gave the financials for December and announced January was an all-time record. He provided an update on all of the current projects. An announcement was made last week that they will be partnering again with Bass and the Tulsa Chamber to bring back the 2016 Geico Bass Master Classic to the Grand Lake area. He gave highlights from the opening of the South Coffeyville casino. He commented on the airing of the second episode of the Cherokee Voices on Channel 8. He reported Chad McReynolds has been named the new General Manager at Roland. They currently have 6,100 employees and 4,706 when the contract and temporary employees are excluded. They currently have 74.1% Cherokees employed, 7.9% other Native American for a total Native American employment of 82%. He offered to answer any questions.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [15-027](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BOBBY L. VAUGHN AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**  
  
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Fishinghawk abstaining.  
  
Enactment No: R-027-15
  
2. [15-028](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. BLAKE FLETCHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**  
  
Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-028-15

## AMEND THE AGENDA

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

3. [15-029](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTY D. MATLOCK AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**  
  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-029-15
  
4. [15-034](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO THE U.S. DHHS, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM, FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE**  
  
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-030-15

5. [15-035](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAREER SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Councilors Thornton, Keener, Walkingstick, Taylor, Baker, Lay, Fullbright, Fishinghawk, Snell, Byrd, Vazquez, Garvin and Buzzard requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-031-15

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd recognized Mr. Jerry Holderby a CNB board member in attendance.*

*Speaker Glory Jordan once again recognized the Youth Council in attendance.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:51 p.m.**

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