



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, October 17, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

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

INVOCATION

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker moved to approve the September 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker announced he has just returned from At Large community meetings in California. Some of our key people including our Secretary of State, Chuck Hoskin Jr. and our Speaker Joe Byrd will be going to Standing Rock. The Cherokee Nation is taking fifty-four ricks of wood to Standing Rock. The Inter Tribal Council met last Friday and did a joint resolution in support of Standing Rock and their issues with the pipeline. Two elder summits were held this month. Election season is almost upon us and we have been registering non-patrician voters for Federal, State and Cherokee Nation elections. We have received a grant to replace six vans in our

Transit fleet all of which will be ADA compliant. A new community center has been dedicated in Nowata. Our Roads and Bridges program will help in Delaware County to replace the White Water Creek Bridge. They hosted the HUD Secretary of Native American Programs. With the help of the Cherokee Nation they are hiring more than 250 new jobs in South Coffeyville for a Texas based Star Pipeline and Products. Macy's fulfillment center in Owasso is hiring 3,500 seasonal employees and will retain 1,000 after the holidays. He honored the new Cherokee Nation Youth Ambassadors by requesting them all to come forward and introduce themselves. He announced Miss Cherokee is delayed at the Dallas airport and will arrive later. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for the Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month. Miss Cherokee Sky Wildcat arrived and introduced herself to the Council then gave highlights from her trip to the At Large community meetings in California.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Leonard R. McCarty as a Cherokee Warrior.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the next board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:30 here in Tahlequah. They have just wrapped up hopefully their final Negotiated Rule Making committee. He commented on the visit of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Native American Programs at HUD. He reported they impact monthly 7,004 families with direct housing assistance as of the month of August. As of the end of August they have 248 employees of those 95.2% are Cherokee and a 98.4% total Native American employment. He offered to answer questions.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported on the CNB financials for July. The dividend to the Cherokee Nation for the month of July was \$4,525,000. The non-dividend financial contribution to the Nation in July was \$336,774. The CNB job statistics for the month were a total work force of 6,546 with 1,791 of those being contract or temporary staff, of the 4,625 CNB employees 73.1% are Cherokee, 7.2% are Native American and a total 80.3% Native American employment. He announced several CNB and CN employees were recently honored as Oklahoma's next generation under thirty. The original musical of Nanyehi returns to the Hard Rock on the 11th and 12th of November. The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino earned a nomination for the International Entertainment Buyers Association this year. He offered to answer questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [16-107](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF SHANNON D. BUHL AS MARSHAL FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Rex Jordan, Frankie Hargis, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Jack D. Baker, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Don Garvin, Curtis Snell, David Thornton, David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. All Councilors present with the exception of Councilor Lay requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Lay in opposition. Chief Justice Garrett performed the swearing in of Marshal, Shannon Buhl.

Enactment No: R-081-16

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include the elder needs assessment resolution passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [16-103](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO EXECUTE A WIND RESOURCE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHILOCCO WIND FARM, LLC AND GRANTING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez, Frankie Hargis, Curtis Snell, David Thornton, Rex Jordan, Bryan Warner, Keith Austin, Janees Taylor and Wanda Hatfield

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. After comments were made the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 10 - Joe Byrd;David Thornton, Sr. ;Frankie Hargis ;Curtis Snell;Janees Taylor;Harley Buzzard;Victoria Vazquez;Rex Jordan;Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

Nay: 6 - Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Buel Anglen;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay and Shawn Crittenden

Enactment No: R-082-16

3. [16-108](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONWIDE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Sponsors: Dick Lay, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Jack D. Baker, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Don Garvin, Frankie Hargis, Rex Jordan, Curtis Snell, Janees Taylor, David Thornton, Victoria Vazquez, David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-083-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Garvin announced he is hosting a community meeting tomorrow at Three River Clinic.

Councilor Crittenden announced on November 4th he would have a community meeting at the Star of Bethlehem Church.

Councilor Vazquez announced a community meeting at the Vinita Health Center on the 25th of October.

Councilor Warner announced he and Councilor Thornton will have a community meeting at Blue Ribbon Downs on November 7th. He also announced three National Treasurers will be at Call Albert State College on the 9th of November. During November in honor of Native American Awareness month they will have exhibit at Carl Albert. On Wednesday in Poteau they will have Oklahoma University President, David Boren, participating in the Carter lecture series.

Speaker Byrd announced he just returned from NCAI in Phoenix. The City of Phoenix declared what was known as Columbus Day as Indigenous Day. He gave a brief overview of the NCAI conference.

He introduced Hominy Littledave in attendance and requested prayers for their trip to Standing Rock, South Dakota.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:48 p.m.

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