



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, January 14, 2013

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 Hoskin Jr. gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve December 10, 2012 regular session minutes. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the December 27, 2012 special session minutes. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Bill John Baker announced we have had a great 2012 and he looks forward to a prosperous 2013. He yielded some of his time to Northeastern State University President, Steve Turner. Mr. Turner introduced the Dean of the Oklahoma College of Optometry, Dr. Doug Penniston. Mr. Penniston presented to the tribe a special recognition resolution celebrating a twenty-five year partnership with the Oklahoma College of Optometry. He stated this is a truly remarkable and

unprecedented partnership. Chief Baker stated it is ironic and we should be giving the award for the years of service to our people. He announced we now have seated our second female Justice of the Supreme Court, Angela Jones. The process has started to protect the Supreme Court Building of the Cherokee Nation. He reported twenty-two acres have recently been purchased in Jay and will be the location for the new clinic. CNB is the proud new owner of possibly the last large tract of land in Tahlequah known as the Berry Farm. Several months ago a shopping center South of Tahlequah with an appraised value of \$2.4ml was purchased by CNB for \$1ml. This property will be closed by the Cherokee Nation and be the new home of the Health Programs. He announced we purchased 113.5 acres has been purchased which joins the complex across from the golf course. The Marshal Service will use a portion of this for their shooting range. Thirty-four of those acres will be used to build homes for citizens who do not have their own land. In Program updates he announced the Clothing for Kids served 7,000 Cherokee children. We still have flu shots available and have given over 17,000 so far to date. The At Large community meetings have been a great success with meetings recently being held in California and Arizona. Over 8,000 photo ids have been given out since they became available. He requested a moment of silence to remember those whom we have lost over the last month. He gave special recognition for people who embody the Cherokee spirit through their service and looking out for others. He recognized Stan Phillips, the son of former Council member Jiggs Phillips, for his heroic efforts at the scene of the accident involving the Harvey girls. He also recognized the Volunteer Fire Department of Westville and Fire Chief Eddie Roberts for their heroic efforts in extracting Madison Harvey from the auto accident.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden recognized veterans Michael Alan Smith Sr., Virgil Lee Carter and Darrel England.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the January board meeting will be held tomorrow at 5:30. Over the last month the Housing Authority hosted a staff development day and years of service recognition. They began accepting applications for college housing for the spring semester and will close on the 18th of this month. Their homeownership programs waiting list will reopen on February 1st for Mayes, Sequoyah and Wagoner Counties. They have assisted over 6,000 Native American families with some sort of housing assistance. He provided an update on the Community Shield Insurance program. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the number of families to date in the new homeownership program.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave an update on the October financials and the December activities. In addition to the net income contributed they contributed \$255,000 in tax collections to the tribe. In December the Ft. Gibson casino was completed and the Hard Rock Tower was partially opened. The New Year's Eve festivities were the best to date. They have recently announced they will be the presenting sponsor for the 2013 Bassmaster Classic on Grand Lake. He provided an update on the Ramona casino and the Supreme Court building. Their current employment at CNB is 4,315 with a Cherokee percentage of 71.5%, with other Native Americans at 7.5% and a total percentage of 79% Native American employment. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the cost of the Bassmaster sponsorship. She requested the details on the land deals mentioned by Chief Baker. Councilor Byrd gave appreciation for the reassurance that we are not using outside entities for management agreements. He inquired if a feasibility study would be done on the Berry property. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commented the recent land purchases are good investments and gave confidence in Mr. Slaton and the Board. Councilor Lay gave appreciation for the high Cherokee employment percentage. Councilor Thornton inquired about the status of Blue Ribbon Downs in Sallisaw. Councilor Keener inquired about the status of the Tribal Council policy.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to add new business item 4 the Resolution Recognizing Wes Welker. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [12-159](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BUCK GEORGE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Speaker Jordan disclosed Mr. George is her Cousin and the have received an opinion form the Attorney General that there isn't a conflict. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-001-13

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [12-155](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 17 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Meredith Frailey;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Lee Keener Jr.;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Cara Cowan Watts;Julia Coates;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Enactment No: LA-01-13

3. [12-156](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #38-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2-13 - MOD 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-02-13

4. [12-163](#) **A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF WES WELKER, A CITIZEN OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be listed as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-002-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts announced on January 24th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. the photo ids from Registration will be at the Claremore High School Cafeteria.

Councilor Cowan Watts recognized Youth Councilor Elizabeth Burns and other members of the Youth Council for their attendance. She also recognized the President of the Washington County Cherokee Association, Dora Smith.

Councilor Fishinghawk gave appreciation to the Cherokee Nation staff for their attendance at the District 2 community meeting held in December.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. recognized the members of the Election Commission and CNB Board Member Brent Taylor.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:12 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on February 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.