



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Thursday, May 31, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Absent** 3 - Rex Jordan; Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the April 26th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mr. Buhl reported our Emergency Management team assisted with cases of bottled water during the Cherry Tree water crisis. Mr. Buhl reported their presence was requested at Rocklahoma again this year.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

*Ms. Nimmo offered to answer questions for the Attorney General's Office. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the Murphy case. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a timeline in the UKB case. Chairman Byrd requested a briefing of the oral argument held in the UKB case. Councilor Lay inquired who our attorney was during the oral argument. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the use of the Cherokee Nation photo id for official identification. Councilor Shaw inquired about our policy involving*

*service animals.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin reported there are five total requests with four of those being FOIA. Nothing is outstanding at this time and the website has been updated.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the handicapped ramp at the Jay office. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the veteran sales tax exemption cards.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd inquired if anyone had been appointed to the bureau position. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the BIA official housed here at the Cherokee Nation.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Mr. Hummingbird reported the Supreme Court did a full repeal of the Professional Amateurs Sports Protection Act. He provided an update on the ball and dice implementation. Councilor Hatfield inquired if there has been any dialogue in regard to horse racing. Councilor Buzzard requested additional clarification on the ball and dice legislation. Councilor Lay requested additional clarification on the locations for the sports wagering. Councilor Shaw inquired about the bets that can be placed at Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Smith inquired about a timeline for the sports wagering in Oklahoma.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Lay inquired if they were prepared for the influx of new hires for the health services. Chair Byrd inquired if he attended Inter-Tribal.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-036](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE AND AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS, INC.

**Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Shambaugh requested Mr. Etheridge and Ms. Pigeon provide a brief explanation of this resolution. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about our charter status at the Immersion school. The motion to approve carried.**

- 2. [18-037](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GAMING COMPACT SUPPLEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

**Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested an overview and clarification. Following questions the motion to approve carried with no opposition. Councilors Smith and Hatfield requested to be added as sponsors.**

- 3. [18-038](#) AN ACT AMENDING CNCA TITLE 40, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"

**Councilor Walkingstick provided a handout of information. He stated the amendment is a good working document but needed additional round table discussion. He made a motion to table. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:05 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>
<i>Cheryl Parrish</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Dwigh Pickering</i>
<i>Jacob Tsoitigh</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>