



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

*Curtis Snell, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*  
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Monday, April 10, 2017

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve the March 20th regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Bruce Davis

*Mr. Davis offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd requested an update on the buffalo. Mr. Gulager gave an update and announced some of them had been sold with negotiations to sell a bull. Councilor Buzzard inquired if we own the Brush Creek Church property. He also inquired about the ten acres purchased referred to in the report.*

2. Real Estate Services - Ginger Brown Reeves

*Mr. Joel Bean offered to answer questions in the absence of Ms. Reeves.*

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Anglen moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution regarding an easement at Hastings Hospital for OG&E. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**17-050**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY TO THE OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (OG&E) FOR THE HASTINGS HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT, TAHLEQUAH OKLAHOMA, CHEROKEE COUNTY

**Mr. Bean gave an explanation of the resolution. Councilor Lay voiced concern for the waiver of sovereign immunity. After discussion was held Councilor Baker made a motion to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## REPORTS:

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Councilor Taylor inquired about the status of the bids for the walking trails at the Saline Courthouse.*

*Ms. Sara Hill offered to answer questions in the absence of Mr. Elkins. Councilor Byrd inquired about the tribe cutting back on our plastics.*

4. Secretary of Natural Resources - Sara Hill

*Ms. Hill reported they will build a solar canopy in front of the complex to provide solar power to vehicles. She announced Mr. Gwin was asked to look at an etching in Cherokee syllabary on a rock to determine its meaning along with the medicine keepers. She provided an update on the seed bank. A staffing update for her department was given. They requested information on upcoming community meetings if their presence is requested. Ms. Hill also provided an update on the Sequoyah Fuels case.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **17-040** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO THE CC CAMP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, INC. LOCATED ON CMS-8A (CHERRY TREE RED GYM AND BALL FIELDS) CONTAINING 26.48 ACRES M/L

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve with a request to move to Council this evening. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Mr. Bean gave an explanation of the request. Councilor Crittenden requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**

2. [17-041](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY ON AN EXISTING NATURAL GAS LINE TO THE OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS COMPANY (ONG) FOR THE CHEROKEE HEIGHTS ADDITION (TRIBAL HOUSING PROJECT 45-16) PRYOR OK, MAYES COUNTY

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Lay once again voiced his concerns for waivers of sovereign immunity. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ms. Hill announced the Environmental Fair will be held April 21st at the Talking Leaves campus.*

*Mr. Gulager announced a trail ride will be held on April 22nd at Sallisaw Creek Park.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:37 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Joel Bean</i>
<i>Chad Harshaw</i>	<i>G.V. Gulager</i>	<i>Taylor Alsney</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>W.C. Gernandt</i>	