



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, June 10, 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 Snell 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 Baker moved to approve the May 13th regular session minutes.
Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker began his State of the Nation with a few updates: The Sequoyah High School Administration and students will be waiting tables at Del Rancho this evening to raise funds for some upcoming events. The University of Oklahoma donated a building for the tornado relief supplies and requested the Cherokee Nation provide volunteers to organize the donations which were in total disarray. The State of Oklahoma has now requested to do an MOU with us for our expert organizational skills in these types of situations. CNB has donated \$50,000 to the Oklahoma Food Bank to assist in the tornado relief efforts. He announced the Remember the Removal bike riders are currently in Illinois. The riders have created

a Facebook page to allow everyone to follow along in their three week 950 mile journey. The Heritage Center has just opened their new village. An MOU has been signed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to explore the possibility of a red meat processing plant here within the Cherokee Nation. With our assistance a \$1.6ml project a bridge was opened in Rogers County. Last Saturday the John Martin family held a celebration at the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court House. They placed a monument for Judge John Martin who was the first Supreme Court Justice of the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory after the removal. On Sunday at The Grand Lake of the Cherokees in Grove, Oklahoma our very own Jason Christie placed first in the FLW fishing tournament. He has agreed to attend our Cherokee Holiday this year and speak to the kids that the youth fishing derby. Chief Baker requested the Summer Youth Leadership group introduce themselves. Chief Baker announced Thursday night at the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards banquet Mike Rogers of the Cherokee Nation EMS was named the EMS Medic of the Year, the Heritage Award was given to The Talking Leaves Job Corp for their community service, our Anna Knight was awarded Chamber Board Member of the Year and the Jack Kaufman Community Service Award was given to Dr. Isabel Baker. He honored two people who embody our Cherokee values of community service: Bea Daugherty, employee of our Child Development Center, who has been named the Statewide Coach of the Year by the Oklahoma Special Olympics and Cherokee Citizen Steve Gillifan, an officer in the City of Coffeyville, for entering in a burning home and rescuing the homeowner. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for those who have passed over the last month.

Speaker Glory-Jordan requested a moment for a presentation to Chief Baker from Ms. Jackie White of the Johnson O'Malley Program. Ms. White a National Johnson O'Malley Board Director representing twenty-one states presented Chief Baker and the Cherokee Nation with a plaque of appreciation for being a Gold Donor. Ms. Jerry Brandon, a National Representative for the JOM Program Region 3, presented the Cherokee Nation and Reba Brunner for appreciation for her service.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized veterans Steven Morales, Jake Roach and Donald Vann.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution passed out of Community Service committee today authorizing the addition of ten projects to the TIP program funding list. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the board meeting would be held on the 25th at 5:30. The board meetings in June and July will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month. On July first they will once again begin accepting application for the college housing program. He provided an update on the Community Shield Insurance Program. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the estimated wait time for the new home ownership program.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported we are surpassing last year's results. They provided \$279,000 in tax collections to the Tribe for the month of March. He provided an update on the expansion projects. He announced CNI has entered into a partnership to provide manufacturing and production work on LED lighting. In recognition of Father's Day the weekend of June 14th the Cultural Tourism group is offering free museum admission. They are partnering with Pepsi on a joint volunteer project in June to work on a Habitat for Humanity house here in Tahlequah. They will be giving free golf lessons to Cherokee youth through the Native Tees Program at Cherokee Hills Golf Course in Catoosa. He announced this is the second year Will Rogers Downs has exceeded twenty million in wagering. Their Marketing Department was recently honored by Regan Communications. Mobility Plus raised nearly \$10,000 for the Kelly B. Todd Center and they also supplied wheelchairs to cancer survivors at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in Muskogee. The staff at the Cherokee Casino in Roland and Sallisaw sent a group of volunteers to the Relay of Life in Ft. Smith. The West Siloam Staff helped with Junior Achievement at the Leech School. Mr. Slaton announced the current employment at CNB is 4,401 with 73.6% Cherokee, 7.2% other Native American for a total of 80.8% Native American employment. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the current contracts at the Woodmark building. She also requested information on the Cherokee Springs Golf Course. Councilor Byrd requested some public relations work to tell the Cherokee story and gave examples of Veteran and Cherokee Artist Donald Vann and Fisherman Jason Christie.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [13-044](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROY J. HAMILTON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to table for one month. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Education and Culture Committee

1. [13-069](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN ESTHER MARTINEZ GRANT**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-049-13

Rules Committee

2. [13-073](#) **A RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING DRUG DOG "RUNA" AND AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO RETIRE THE DOG WITH THE DOG'S HANDLER**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-050-13
3. [13-074](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS VEHICLES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CROSS-DEPUTIZED WITH THE MARSHAL SERVICE**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-051-13
4. [13-080](#) **A RESOLUTION RATIFYING LITIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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

Enactment No: R-052-13
5. [13-067](#) **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING 113TH CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE RESOLUTION 1066, AMENDMENTS TO THE INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS ACT**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-053-13

6. [13-054](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LA# 46-12, REVISING TITLE 26 ("ELECTIONS"), SECTION 11 AND SECTION 53 (C), OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to table indefinitely. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried with opposition from Councilors Fishinghawk, Baker, Thornton, Frailey, Cowan Watts, and Keener.

Executive and Finance Committee

7. [13-079](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO THE WARPONY COMMUNITY OUTREACH, TAHLEQUAH, OK**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-054-13

8. [13-077](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR PL 102-477 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-055-13

9. [13-078](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Enactment No: LA-15-13

10. [13-082](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF TEN (10) PROJECTS TO THE LIST OF CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-056-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Coates introduced At Large citizens in attendance from Dallas.
Councilor Fishinghawk reminded everyone of the upcoming election.*

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:11 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.