



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, June 13, 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

Councilor Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 14 - Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Harley Buzzard;
Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David
Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden and Keith
Austin

Absent 3 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Janees Taylor and Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the May 16th regular session minutes.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden gave the State of the Nation in the absence of Chief Baker. Deputy Chief Crittenden announced they just returned from the Smithsonian where they celebrated Cherokee Days. While there they made a contribution to a future NAMI exhibit to better tell the story of the Cherokee Nation. He provided an update on the Remember the Removal bike riders and encouraged everyone to follow their progress on Facebook. The Cherokee Nation contributed \$195,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to help eight local clubs within the fourteen counties. The Teachers of Successful Students (TOSS) and our partnership with Northeastern

State University issued ten grants of \$1,000 each for area teachers to develop stem activities for students. Cherokee Nation citizen Ty Horton read an essay he wrote for the Boys and Girls Club and won a \$3,000 scholarship. Deputy Chief Crittenden requested the Summer Youth Leadership Interns introduce themselves and where they would serve their internship. He read a long list of those Cherokees who we have lost over the past month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored and recognized Cherokee Warriors Jack Earl Gardner, Ralph George Grass, and George Edward Dewayne Johnston.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the board meeting will be held on the 21st at 5:30. They just passed the ninety day mark of the Rehab program moving over to the Housing Authority. He provided an update on the progress made and what is yet to come. He gave appreciation to the Administration and Diane Kelley for allowing them to use participants within one of the Career Services programs to assist in the rehab backlog and other emergency work. Mr. Cooper reported they impact over 7,000 families monthly with housing assistance. As of March 31st they have 254 employees of which 95.3% are Cherokee and a total 98.4% Native American employment. He provided an update on the Negotiated Rule Making committee meetings. HUD has announced the new Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs. Mr. Cooper offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported in the absence of Mr. Slaton. He provided the financials for the month of April. He provided an update on the expansion projects. The topping our ceremony for the Grove casino will be held next Monday. Our Cultural Tourism group will be offering free family friendly storytelling events on Wednesdays in June under the gazebo at the Cherokee National Capitol. Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People has earned nominations for five Heartland Emmy awards. The current employment at CNB totals 6,555 however when the part time and contract employees are excluded there are 4,654 and of those there are 72.9% Cherokee, 7.8% other Native American giving a total Native American employment of 80.8%. Speaker Byrd commented he just returned from Cherokee Days at the Smithsonian and while at the airport in commute to the parking lot a Cherokee hymn was playing in the Fine Transportation bus. It is great to be Cherokee.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick moved to amend the agenda to include 2 resolutions passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [16-071](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF EVAN M. MCLEMORE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD**

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

2. [16-072](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO ASSUME INDEBTEDNESS; AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A LOAN AGREEMENT FROM CHEROKEE NATION WASTE MANAGEMENT, LLC., AND GRANTING A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [16-074](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPTIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

4. [16-075](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

5. [16-076](#) **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR Ch. IX (4-1-03 Edition) 1003.604 Citizen Participation**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the

motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

6. [16-080](#)

**A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE CHARTER OF THE
TSUNADELOQUASDI CHEROKEE IMMERSION SCHOOL AND
APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH THE TSUNADELOQUASDI
CHEROKEE IMMERSION SCHOOL BOARD**

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried with no opposition.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Snell announced a gospel singing would be held at the Saline Courthouse beginning at 11:00 a.m. on June 18th.

Councilor Baker announced the Remember the Removal Bike Riders will return to the Courthouse square here in Tahlequah at 11:00 a.m. on the 23rd of June.

Councilor Warner announced on June 24th for the Cherokee elders and their family a fish fry will be held at the Marble City Community building.

Councilor Walkingstick announced a community meeting will be held next Tuesday at the Drycreek Community building.

Speaker Byrd announced we will host the Tri Council meetings between the Cherokee Nation, the UKB and the Eastern Band of Cherokees beginning tomorrow evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:56 p.m.

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