



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, August 9, 2021

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Keith Austin

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve the July regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin reported on the spread of the COVID Delta variant and vaccinations. The Cherokee Nation workforce is 70% vaccinated. Discussion are being held on how restrictive the Cherokee National Holiday activities should be. We just had a renewal of our democracy with the completion of our mid-term elections. The Durbin Feeling Act has passed at the Senate Committee level. The Registration Office has closed temporarily in person activity but continues to take applications by mail and fax. The OSU Medical School has welcomed a new class with five of the fifty-three students

being Cherokee. Osiyo TV has won four Emmy's. Treasurer Tralynna Scott has served admirably over the last two years and now leaves us to take the position of Chief Economist at CNB and will also hold the post of Special Envoy to the United States Department of Treasurer. Chief Hoskin voiced his excitement for his nomination of Janees Taylor as our new Treasurer. Lastly he commented he was proud to serve while those Councilors who are leaving have served. Speaker Byrd commented on the difficult times during the pandemic and the almost doubled budget.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett provided an update on their COVID precautions and that they are still offering a drive-thru vaccination clinic. COVID testing is available at their employee clinic. They have re-implemented masking mandates for employees with optional masking for patrons. They have welcomed a new icon, a sixty-five foot tall Gibson Les Paul Guitar replica. CNB is working hard to fill their open positions. Nanyehi will be returning to the Hard Rock Live stage for the 11th year. Mr. Garrett stated it is a major win to have Treasurer Scott back at CNB. He extended appreciation to all of the outgoing Council members. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Speaker Byrd inquired what percentage of operation they had achieved before the COVID number began to rise again. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the masking policy at the concerts.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [21-065](#) A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE AND ENCOURAGING SIMILAR EFFORTS BY CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.

2. [21-066](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [21-067](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 57 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Buzzard made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Duncan made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Community Service Committee earlier today. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [21-069](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - Mod. 10A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

[21-070](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM

Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd requested a moment of silence for all of those who have been lost over the past month. All Outgoing Councilors were given the opportunity to say a few words. A small reception was held for the outgoing Councilors; Harley Buzzard, Janees Taylor, Mary Baker Shaw, Canaan Duncan and Joe Byrd.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:37 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.