



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, August 12, 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 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan and Joe Byrd

Absent 2 - Meredith Frailey and Frankie Hargis

Late Arrival 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 15, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Councilor Thornton presented Chief Bill John Baker with a check from the City of Gore for the Cherokee National Holiday. Chief Baker announced in federal court today the Cherokee Nation's motion for preliminary injunction preventing the Department of Interior from taking land into trust for the UKB was granted. He stated this is bittersweet as we protect our sovereignty but don't want to see our UKB brothers and sisters suffer needlessly. We have offered the UKB to settlement

options. He provided an update on the Baby Veronica custody case and our unwavering support of the Cherokee father. The new car tag compact has been successfully negotiated; he gave appreciation and acknowledgement to all of the hard work of Attorney General Todd Hembree. This month celebrates the 5th year of Cherokee Elder Care. He requested prayers for safety for our Cherokee Fire Dancers currently fighting fires in Oregon and Northern California. He commented on the success of the picnics held in Washington and Oregon. A town hall meeting was recently held in Vinita with one scheduled tomorrow night in Collinsville. The Spider Gallery has officially opened in the Cort Mall of downtown Tahlequah. We partnered with municipal leaders here in Tahlequah to lease our lot for them to build a Cherokee themed splash pad. He reported the Mortgage Assistance funding has increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Chief Baker reminded everyone the 61st Annual Cherokee National Holiday will be held over Labor Day weekend. He requested a moment of silence for all of those Cherokee friends and family who we have lost over the last month.

Chief Baker recognized Deputy Chief Crittenden for his recent efforts in Washington D.C. assisting Representative Mark Wayne Mullin with his Bill for a Native American Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C.

He requested Chief Rene Thomas come forward at this time for a presentation to Deputy Chief Crittenden. She presented an incased Cherokee flag that was given to her from Deputy Chief Grayson. This Cherokee flag flew in Afghanistan during her time of deployment.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Veterans Donald Lee Hubbard and Leland Wildcat.

OUT GOING COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

Speaker Glory-Jordan and Deputy Speaker Hoskin Jr. presented outgoing Councilors Buel Anglen and Meredith Frailey with shadowboxes as a token from the Council for their years of service to the Cherokee people.

Speaker Glory-Jordan presented Miss Cherokee, Christy Kingfisher, with a framed copy of her resolution recently passed by the Council regarding the prevention of human trafficking.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the August regular board meeting will be held this Thursday. He stated he would be representing the Cherokee Nation at the Negotiated Rule Making Committee for NAHASDA beginning the last week of this month. They have received 133 college housing applications at this time. He stated they proudly assist over 5,800 families with some sort of housing assistance.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported the month of May was a very good month for the company but just short of budget. The company continues to be in great financial health as they are currently tracking approximately \$4ml higher than the same time last year. They contributed almost \$300,000 to the Nation in tax collections. Most of the expansion projects are complete. The diversified businesses over the past month have picked up a \$17.5ml contract with the DEA. The Mobility Plus employees hosted a wheel chair beautiful day in July. All locations are collecting school supplies to be given to the area schools. Mr. Slaton gave appreciation to the Council for all of their help and contributions over the years with the businesses and their success. He commented on a referral from Councilor Thornton a meeting was held earlier today regarding a possible new jewelry repair business venture. They currently have 4,408 employees with 74.7% Cherokee and 7% other natives and a total of 81.7% Native American employment.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Lay moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in support of the creation of a Native Center for Health Research. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive and Finance Committee

1. [13-090](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion with a friendly amendment for the approval of substitute Mod. 11a which includes the additional funding for the scholarships. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Hoskin Jr. gave clarification on the amendment to include funding for the higher education scholarships.

After comments were exhausted the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

Enactment No: LA-20-13

2. [13-092](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF NATIVE CENTER FOR HEALTH RESEARCH (NARCH-8)**

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-064-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation to the Tulsa Cherokee Community Organization, the Victory Cherokee Organization and Buel's family for their attendance today.

Councilor Garvin gave thanks to everyone who helped with his campaign.

Councilor Byrd reminded everyone on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Sequoyah gym the newly elected Council would be sworn in.

Speaker Glory-Jordan announced immediately following the adjournment of this meeting a reception would be held for the outgoing Councilors. She welcomed Councilor elects Harley Buzzard and Janees Taylor in attendance this evening. She recognized the current sitting Councilors who would also be sworn in for an additional term.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.