



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*  
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Thursday, September 29, 2016

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

**Absent** 1 - Don Garvin

**Late Arrival** 2 - David Walkingstick and Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the August 25th regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mr. Buhl gave an update on the holiday activities in regard to their department. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if they have received new vehicles.*

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

*Ms. Nimmo offered to answer questions on behalf of the Attorney General. She announced and gave the highlights on a just received published case from the Oklahoma Supreme Court this week on a ICWA case. Councilor Baker inquired about the code book not including the two constitutional amendments.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the FIOA and GRA requests. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the process for submitting a FOIA and/or GRA.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. She stated she emailed to the Council some detailed spreadsheets regarding the At Large and expanded jurisdictional car tags. Councilor Austin requested an update on the disabled American veterans tags.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher provided a copy of her report and offered to answer questions. Chair Byrd inquired if it would be her office to provide an update on the Keepseagle case. Councilor Lay inquired who the contact would be in regard to the North Dakota pipeline issues.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Mr. Hummingbird reported they are on track for all target deadlines at the Grove facility. The National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators fall conference was held last week and he was appointed to another term as the Chairman. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of games anticipated at the Grove facility. Chair Byrd inquired about a time frame to determine the impact of the new competition in Tulsa.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton reported they are busy with the end of the fiscal year paperwork. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-107](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF SHANNON D. BUHL AS MARSHAL FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Lay asked several questions. Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. commented on Marshal Buhl's capabilities and stated it is a pleasure to work with him. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Lay opposed.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mr. Jamie Hummingbird invited everyone to their annual all staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow with lunch at 11:30.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 1:30 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Samantha Benn Duke</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Adam McCreary</i>
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