



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, December 17, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the November 13th regular session, the November 14th and the November 26th special sessions all as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker welcomed everyone to our December Council meeting. He touched on the recent tornado and gave appreciation to all of those helping during this state of emergency. We have entered into another partnership with the State to remove the ten-thousand tons of radioactive materials from the State of Oklahoma. He gave appreciation to all of those involved with the Angel Tree as nearly 2,000 angels were adopted. The Angel Tree for the Elders was also quite successful. Chief Baker gave a health update on his mom and requested continued prayers. He read a long list of

those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden honored Jamie Cochran, Jeramiah Cochran, Ernest E. Hayes and James R. "Hog" Nelson with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton
No one was present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [18-076](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - JOHN ROSS MUSEUM**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-052-18

Rules Committee

2. [18-077](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN C. GARRETT AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis, Joe Byrd and Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried. District Judge Barteaux performed the swearing in of Supreme Court Justice Garrett.

Enactment No: R-053-18

3. [18-080](#) **A RESOLUTION ELECTING JANEES TAYLOR TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-054-18

4. [18-071](#) **A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE APPOINTMENTS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT FROM THE CHEROKEE NATION JUDICIAL BRANCH**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification. The motion carried with Councilor Jordan opposed.

Enactment No: R-055-18

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [18-081](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-24-18

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include items 6 through 12 passed out of committees today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[18-083](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN CONTRACTS**

Sponsors: Mary Baker Shaw

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Walkingstick and Lay opposed.

Enactment No: R-056-18

[18-092](#)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR CH. IX (01/01/2003 EDITION) 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Sponsors: Dick Lay and Bryan Warner

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-057-18

[18-091A](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNDON EMBERTON TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Bryan Warner

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-058-18

[18-091B](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUZANNE B. GILSTRAP TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Keith Austin

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-059-18

[18-086](#)

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SHOWING APPRECIATION TO OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE HUNTER FOR HIS WORK IN SUPPORT OF WEARING EAGLE FEATHERS DURING GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith and Bryan Warner

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-060-18

[18-088](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-25-18

[18-089](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 -

MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-26-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd recognized CNB Board Member, Brent Taylor and the Executive Director of the Heritage Center, Dr. Charles Gourd in the audience.

Speaker Byrd also reminded everyone about the Tribal Council open house and Christmas social tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:36 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.