



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

*Phone: 1-800-995-9465*

*E-mail: council-public@cherokee.org*

---

Monday, August 12, 2019

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 Warner gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - 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; Harley Buzzard and Canaan Duncan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the July regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

*Chief Baker commented on how bittersweet it is to deliver his final State of the Nation. He reflected on both his and Deputy Chief Crittenden's accomplishments during the past eight years. Chief Baker recognized young Cherokee citizen, Hunter Kelley, in his accomplishments with learning Brail starting at the age of three. He was presented with a certificate of recognition and given a pin. Chief Baker read a list of citizens who have passed over the past month and requested a moment of silence in their remembrance.*

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Veterans Carroll L. Frye, Lorie A. McCoy, and George D. Carter, Jr. all with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.*

*Speaker Byrd reflected on Deputy Chief Crittenden's first swearing in ceremony where he was a Councilor member who on the same day was sworn in as Deputy Chief and the Acting Principal Chief. Deputy Chief Crittenden commented on his time serving the Cherokee people.*

*Speaker Byrd took a moment to recognized the 2019 Miss Cherokee, Whitney Roach. Miss Roach reflected on her time over the past year serving as Miss Cherokee.*

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and the businesses to those who are termed out. He reported on the financials, building storm shelters at each casino location, how well the new Tahlequah casino is doing, the opening of the new Capitol Museum, the Saline Courthouse restoration, and the re-opening of the Ft. Gibson casino. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [19-040](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TOMMYE SUE BRADSHAW WRIGHT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan, Canaan Duncan, E. O. "JR." Smith and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.**

Enactment No: R-031-19

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [19-042](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT # 8**
- Sponsors:**      Joe Byrd
- Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-032-19
3. [19-043](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**      Dick Lay
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-033-19
4. [19-044](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**      Joe Byrd
- Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-034-19
5. [19-045](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. IN NOWATA COUNTY**
- Sponsors:**      Victoria Vazquez
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-035-19
6. [19-046](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:**      Janees Taylor
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-11-19

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include a Resolution granting a right of way easement for the Vinita Clinic. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. [19-048](#)

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY ON NS4410 ROAD (VINITA CLINIC TRACT) ON USA IN TRUST LAND FOR CHEROKEE NATION TO THE BOARD OF CRAIG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-036-19

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Speaker Byrd commented on this being the last Council meeting for some of our Council members and offered them each a moment to speak. Councilors Lay, Hatfield, Walkingstick, Anglen and Warner all took a moment to say a few words about their time on the Council.*

*Councilor Crittenden commented on his time with those who are leaving the Council as well as Chief and Deputy.*

*Speaker Byrd recognized his family in attendance.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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