



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Tuesday, October 16, 2018

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Late Arrival 1 - Mary Baker Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the September 27th minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the Marshal pay scale.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Ms. Nimmo announced the Murphy case has been scheduled for oral argument on November 27th. She and Councilor Smith visited Vian Public Schools on Indigenous Day and advocated for them to change their student handbook to allow a student to wear an eagle feather at graduation. She provided a background overview of ICWA and then provided an update on the recent ICWA ruling in Texas. Councilor Taylor inquired how the decision impacts the State and requested a background of the Texas case where the decision was made. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on

the eagle feather on graduation caps with it being traditional or religion. Councilor Hatfield inquired if they would go to other schools with the same issues. Chair Byrd requested a write up on our stand in regard to the ICWA issue to take to NCAI next week.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there are seventeen total request with fourteen of those are FOIA with five of those outstanding, three of them are GRA's with one of them outstanding. The website isn't up to date at this time.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears gave an update on the numbers in the report. Chair Byrd requested their attendance at the Cherokee County community meeting. Councilor Crittenden requested a bulletin of the important dates to remember for the upcoming election.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report. She provided an update on the Catoosa office. Councilor Crittenden inquired about a tag office in Stilwell.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

No one was present to report for Self-Governance.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird had to leave for a family emergency.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton reported they continue to work with the Tax Commission on filing the vacant positions. He offered to answer questions.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. [18-071](#)** A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE APPOINTMENTS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT FROM THE CHEROKEE NATION JUDICIAL BRANCH

Chair Byrd stated this was tabled at the last meeting for 30 days and it hasn't been 30 days. He requested it be tabled to the next Rules meeting.

Councilor Hargis moved to table to the next meeting. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 2. [TMP-372](#)** DISCUSSION ONLY- THE NEW CNB/CNE HIRING PREFERENCE GUIDELINES THAT HAS DELETED THE PROMOTIONS AND UPGRADE TRAINING PORTION OF THE POLICY GUIDELINE

Councilor Lay commented there has been time to look over the replacement guidelines and they have installed promotions and upgrade training close to the old policy. He withdrew the agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [18-074](#) AN ACT RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 18 OF THE CORPORATIONS CODE REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS GIVEN BY CHEROKEE OWNED CORPORATIONS

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez stated there is already a process in place. She stated this would be the first time to legislate a line item and she is opposed to this legislation. Councilor Crittenden inquired for the reasoning for the proposal. Councilor Walkingstick gave an overview for the reason behind the request. Discussion was held in regard to the process currently in place with respect to approval and notification. Some Council member requested the Board have more of a say in these contributions.

The motion to approve failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 4 - Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden and Harley Buzzard

Nay: 13 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:46 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Marcus Fears</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Kim Teehee</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Pam Sellers</i>	<i>Carolyn Allen</i>	<i>Harvey Chaffin</i>
<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>