



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, October 15, 2018

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 Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
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; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve both the regular and special session as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF THE SHS FAST PITCH CHAMPIONS

Speaker Byrd requested a moment to recognize the Sequoyah High School 3A Fast Pitch Softball Champions. Several of the girls from the team were asked to speak followed by Coach Turtle with comments on the season and the team.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker announced they have just returned from Inter Tribal Council hosted by the Choctaws. We will be facing a major battle with the federal court in Texas ruling the Indian Child Welfare Act is unconstitutional. Head Start has broken ground on the first of six storm shelters. We will be partnering with the State Department of Agriculture to form a coordinating council on poultry growth. He gave highlights from our Hero Project. Our 4th Annual Elder Summit was held this last month. This weekend the At Large Community Meetings will be held in Southern California with a special ceremony to recognize the Cherokee Nation at the Los Angeles City Hall. On October 31st the official announcement of the new OSU Medical School Campus and it being the first on tribal land. He recognized the new Little Cherokee Ambassadors, Jr. Miss Cherokee and Miss Cherokee in attendance. Chief Baker commented our younger generation have great work ethic and will be able to carry on our culture and traditions. He read a long list of Cherokee citizens 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 Crittenden recognized Cherokee Veterans Charlie Crittenden, Richard O. Monholland and Billy J. Smith.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Garrett gave an overview of the non-dividend financials for the past month. CNB currently has a workforce of 7,027 employees and are permitted to apply preference to 4,478 of those positions. Of the preference applied positions 73% are Cherokee and 6.5% are Native American for a total Native American employment percentage of 79.5%. The topping out ceremony was held for the new Tahlequah casino. He announced Tru by Hilton Hotel will be east of Buffalo Wild Wings in the Cherokee Plaza. On October 18th there will be free admission to all Cherokee museums. Employee volunteers from CNB recently visited several schools to deliver donated supplies. The CNB employees have dedicated over 1,700 volunteer hours over the year. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Taylor requested consideration for partitions or movable walls at the Will Rogers Downs event space. She also voiced concern for the gravel parking lot there causing issues for the elders. She and Councilor Austin presented Mr. Garrett and CNB with the winning Chili Cook-off trophy from the Mayes and Rogers County United Way.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Resource Committee as new business #4. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. **18-067** **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY - USA IN TRUST FOR CHEROKEE NATION TO SEQUOYAH COUNTY FOR A ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON DWIGHT MISSION ROAD (I-40 TRACT)**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith

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

 Enactment No: R-045b-18

Rules Committee

2. **18-068** **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

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

 Enactment No: R-046-18

3. **18-070** **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RICK DOHERTY AS CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Taylor opposed. Chief Justice Garrett swore in Mr. Doherty following the approval of Resolution #4.

 Enactment No: R-047-18

4. [18-072](#)**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL ON POULTRY GROWTH WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh, Harley Buzzard, Frankie Hargis, Victoria Vazquez, David Walkingstick, Janees Taylor, Buel Anglen, Keith Austin and Shawn Crittenden

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Austin, Anglen and Crittenden requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-048-18

SWEARING IN OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER DOHERTY BY CHIEF JUSTICE GARRETT

Chief Justice Garrett performed the swearing in of the newly appointed Election Commissioner Rick Doherty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dobbins announced a community meeting on October 29th at the Three River Clinic. He and Councilor Smith have a joint meeting on October 30th at the Warner Event Center.

Councilor Warner announced he and Councilor Smith will have a community meeting at the Sallisaw Middle School on November 8th. He will host a community meeting on November 15th at the Muldrow High School Cafeteria.

Councilor Hatfield announced last Thursday night Moore High School recognized Cherokee Nation as a proud supporter at their football game.

Deputy Speaker Vazquez announced a community meeting on October 30th in South Coffeyville.

Councilor Austin announced a community meeting on October 23rd at the Oologah United Methodist Church and on October 25th at the Chelsea High School. He also announced the historic re-dedication of the Cooweescoowee Parkway on the 29th of October.

Speaker Byrd announced a joint community meeting for Districts 1,2 and 3 will be held this Thursday at the Tahlequah Community Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on November 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.