



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, April 13, 2015

6:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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**Meeting was moved from the Chambers due to a water leak.**

### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 15 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and Cara Cowan Watts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the March 16th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker provided an update on the leak in the Council Chambers roof and announced with the new roof coming soon these problems would cease. He reported on Cherokee Days in Washington D.C. The restoration of the brick on the Supreme Court Capitol building has begun. The Public School Appreciation Day was held recently where over \$4,000,000 was given to one hundred and seven school districts across the fourteen counties. A wonderful employee appreciation event was held*

*featuring the Pumpkin Hollow Boys and Stoney Larue. Chief Baker and Deputy Chief Crittenden were able to share in the Learn and Grow Garden Project in Stilwell at the Child Development Center. He introduced the participants in the 2015 Remember the Removal Bike Ride along with their leader Joseph Erb. Cherokee Nation citizen Wes Nofire will be making his Showtime boxing debut on Saturday, April 18th. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence to remember those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Veterans Donovan Duncan, Rusty Henson and Jay Silk.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the next board meeting will be held on the 21st at 5:30 p.m. The College Housing Program is assisting 148 students for the spring semester. He provided an update on the NAHASDA reauthorization and the Negotiated Rule Making. The Housing Authority provides assistance to over 6,000 families monthly. Councilor Fullbright gave appreciation for the new housing addition in Marble City.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton provided the financial results for February. They contributed \$280,000 in tax collections back to the tribe. He provided an update on the four current clinic projects. An update was given on the Roland Casino project. Job fairs will be held for the Roland Casino on April 18th and 24th. They are making progress for the housing at West Siloam and Roland. The current employment at CNB is 73.8% Cherokee and 7.9% other Native American for a total Native American employment of 81.7%. Councilor Thornton inquired about the revenue and balance owed on the Redbird project. Councilor Lay inquired about the number of homes anticipated at each location. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the occupant selection for these two housing additions. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the build and cost process for the new homes.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [15-037](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF EDDIE MORRISON AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**  
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [15-038](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CHEROKEE NATION INDUSTRIES, EMPLOYEE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [15-040](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH PROGRAM TO DONATE AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) TO ZION PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATED IN ADAIR COUNTY**  
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [15-039](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 7; AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY**  
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd commended the Cherokee Nation Staff and CNB for our representation at Cherokee Days in Washington D. C.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:45 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on May 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.