



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, April 14, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk;
Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd;
David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees
Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 10th regular session minutes and the March 27th special session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker reported they had just returned from the Smithsonian Institute where they had a historic event where the Eastern Band, the United Keetoowah Band and the Cherokee Nation came together at the National Museum of Native Americans. He testified before the House of Appropriations. The Cherokee Nation Heritage Center recently celebrated the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the last detachment of the Trail of Tears. The Veteran's Center is at full operating capacity with Rick Robinson as the Director. We have just been Certified Healthy for our Head Start

and the Health Services Department. The Kawi Café in the Cort Mall is now open and is not only a sandwich and coffee shop but also a program for potential new business owners. The ground breaking for Macy's will be held next Thursday. Next Monday is Cherokee Nation Day at the State Capitol. Chief Baker requested a few moments to remember those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month. Special recognitions were given to several dedicated Health Professionals by Chief Baker and Health Director Connie Davis. Chief Baker remembered the passing of the United Keetoowah Band Deputy Chief Charles Locust. He announced he signed a proclamation recognizing the Month of April as National Disability Awareness Month. Ms. Diane Kelley recognized the Vocational Rehab Staff and commented this awareness month is in dedication of the Vocational Rehab Director Brenda Fitzgerald.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden requested to be able to wait for one of the Veterans to arrive before doing the presentations.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reminded everyone the regular board meeting is tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. He announced HUD has scheduled the third session of the Negotiated Rule Making meetings next week. He gave an overview of the homeowners program they offer.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported strong financial results for the first five months of the year. They submitted an additional \$285,000 in tax collections to the Nation for the month of February. They are working hard on the four clinics that are underway. They continue to work on the plans for the hospital. He gave an update on the upcoming new facility at Roland. He provided an update on the employee volunteer activities. The Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism group has launched a cultural preservation series with numerous classes with different courses each month from April through August. A regional job fair will be held tomorrow at Hard Rock for various hotel positions. The Highway 66 Diner was opened a few weeks ago in the Hard Rock Casino. The ground breaking for Macy's will be held on the 17th of May. The current employment at CNB is 5,892, with contract and temporary employees excluded there are 4,561, the Cherokee percentage is 74%, other Native Americans is 6.9% for a total Native American employment of 80.9%. Councilor Keener inquired about the status of the Mobility Plus in Claremore. Councilor Garvin inquired about Fair Meadows and Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Cowan Watts requested additional information on the Mobility Plus location in Claremore.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Veterans Durbin Feeling and Elmer Scullawl.

NEW BUSINESS

Speaker Glory Jordan announced the new business items discussion/debate would be limited to two minutes per Councilor on all items.

Education and Culture Committee

1. [14-026](#) **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OKLAHOMA EDUCATION COALITION FUNDING**
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-027-14

Rules Committee

2. [14-033](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO SECURE EXISTING ELECTION SERVICE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX**
Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts offered a friendly amendment for the contents of the box to be reported to the Council. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried.
Enactment No: R-028-14
3. [14-040](#) **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHEROKEE NATIONAL DAY OF HONOR AND RECOGNITION KNOWN AS CHEROKEE NATION LEADERSHIP DAY**
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-029-14
4. [13-137](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING LA #10-11 RELATING TO GAMING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**
Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.
After a few comments were made Councilor Keener moved to send back to

Rules committee for further debate. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard and Jack D. Baker

Nay: 9 - David Walkingstick; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Abstain: 1 - Janees Taylor

Councilor Lay recognized the Gaming Commission in attendance and asked a few questions.

Councilor Coates moved to table for one month. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard and Jack D. Baker

Nay: 9 - David Walkingstick; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Abstain: 1 - Janees Taylor

After discussion was held the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 9 - David Walkingstick; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Nay: 7 - Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard and Jack D. Baker

Abstain: 1 - Janees Taylor

Enactment No: LA-07-14

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [14-034](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO WARPONY COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilors Walkingstick, Lay, Taylor, Hargis, Glory Jordan, Thornton, Vazquez and Snell requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-030-14

6. [14-035](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR A YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. Councilors Keener, Garvin, Hargis, Lay, Byrd, Cowan Watts, and Walkingstick requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-031-14

7. [14-036](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 4b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-08-14

8. [14-037](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 7a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-09-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Vazquez announced a housing meeting would be held on the 29th in South Coffeyville.

Councilor Walkingstick announced a community meeting will be held tomorrow evening at Dry Creek.

Councilor Hargis announced she would be having a volunteer day on the 26th at the Cherokee Children's Mission in Bunch.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:33 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.