



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, March 12, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 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** 15 - Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

**Absent** 2 - Rex Jordan and Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the February 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker gave a great big congratulations to the Sequoyah girls basketball team for winning back to back gold. The boys made it to the tournament and represented us extremely well. Friday the topping out ceremony was held at the W. W. Hastings expansion. He reported on the Pavilion construction behind the Courthouse square. The ground breaking ceremony for the new Tahlequah casino and convention center will be held on March 26th. The annual event of presenting car tag revenues to the public schools within our jurisdiction was recently held. Cherokee Nation Day at the*

*Oklahoma State Capitol is this Wednesday. They will be traveling to Kansas for At Large meetings this weekend. He welcomed the Cherokee Youth Council in attendance tonight. Chief Baker recognized the citizens who we have passed over the last month and requested a moment of silence.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Veterans Kenneth W. Golden and Fields S. Smith with the Cherokee Warrior Award. Speaker Byrd recognized Hominy Littledave of the Veteran's Center in attendance.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the January financials. "Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People" Season 4 will have statewide screenings this week. The show is now on OETA statewide and provides a platform to join public tv nationwide. Our diversified businesses was recently awarded a large contract to help construct thirty-seven airports in Mexico which will provide a new way to check customs. The diversified businesses are now working in seventeen different countries. The Hard Rock was awarded with the Silver Badge in 2018. The ground breaking for Cherokee casino Tahlequah will be at 1:00 p.m. on March 26th. They will be determining shortly what the plans are with the Sprung Structure at the Hard Rock. He provided employment numbers as of the end of January and concluded with a total Native American 80.2% employment.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn to include a resolution passed out of Resource committee earlier. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Resource Committee

1. [18-008](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - TATE CHEWEY 135 ACRES IN ADAIR COUNTY**  

**Sponsors:**      Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-008-18
  
2. [18-009](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - BEAVER 140 ACRES IN ADAIR COUNTY**  

**Sponsors:**      Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-009-18
  
3. [18-010](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - THOMPSON 160 ACRES IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**  

**Sponsors:**      Bryan Warner

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-010-18

Rules Committee

4. [18-011](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ELMER TADPOLE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**  

**Sponsors:**      Janees Taylor and Keith Austin

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-011-18
  
5. [18-012](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BRENDA THOMPSON AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION PHOENIX**  

**Sponsors:**      Wanda Hatfield, Mary Baker Shaw and Keith Austin

Councilor Baker Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-012-18

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [18-014](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-05-18

7. [18-015](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 6A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh, Bryan Warner, Rex Jordan, Joe Byrd and Keith Austin

With a sponsorship change Councilor Taylor requested Councilor Shambaugh introduce this operating budget modification. Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve substitute Mod 6a. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilors Byrd Jordan and Austin requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with Councilor Taylor opposed.

Enactment No: LA-06-18

[18-017](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - LANCASTER 160 ACRES**

**Sponsors:** Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-013-18

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Speaker Byrd requested the Youth Council in attendance introduce themselves.*

*Councilor Vazquez announced there would be a signing ceremony for the teacher's pay increase.*

*Councilor Walkingstick announced Cherokee Actor Wes Studie gave a great tribute to the Veterans on the Oscars in our Cherokee Language.*

*Councilor Warner gave appreciation to the Brushy Cherokee Community Action Group and Gary Bolin for the food and efforts made at the recently held meeting.*

*Speaker Byrd congratulated our Tahlequah Sequoyah Girls Basketball 3A State Championship. He also touched on Mr. Studie at the Oscars and stated he represented us well.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 6:34 p.m.**

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