



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, February 22, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

Absent 2 - Wanda Hatfield and Frankie Hargis

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the January 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl reported they have two new ALICE instructors. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd inquired about the preparedness of Sequoyah High School. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of Marshal's at the Joint during concerts. He also requested an update on the fatal chase accident.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Assistant Attorney General, John Young reported on behalf of the Attorney General. He reported the DC Circuit Court entered its order in the Freedman case. He stated a lawsuit has been filed challenging one of the AG opinions with respect to term limits.

He offered to answer questions from the report.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported for 2018 they have one FOIA request and one GRA request and of these one is outstanding. She reported on the updating of the website.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a handicapped ramp and gravel parking lot at the tag office in Jay.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired when the funds would be received from the contract support cost settlement.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird reported the audited financials for FY2017 have been submitted to the NIGC on time. He provided highlights of some bills being considered at the capitol. They expect the Supreme Court to issue a ruling anytime on the sports wagering suit. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd inquired about tribes placing land in trust outside of their jurisdiction in the panhandle.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton gave an overview of the automated process for current employees to transfer within the tribe. A handicapped ramp is being constructed at the Human Resources building here at the complex. Councilor Buzzard requested the employment numbers in the report also include non-Indian hires.

OLD BUSINESS

- [17-136](#)** A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE - COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT AMENDMENT

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. Assistant Attorney General, John Young, gave an overview of the changes submitted from the previous version. Councilor Lay voiced concerns with Section 30 – Investigations by the Attorney General. Councilor Lay made a motion to delete Section 30 of this Act. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez requested clarification on the intent and if it mirrored the State. She also inquired if Council Attorney Blakestad had any legal concerns with Section 30. Following additional concerns and discussion Councilor Austin suggested tabling and bringing back as two separate items. Councilor Lay restated his motion is to delete all of Section 30. Chair Byrd recommended tabling to allow additional time for changes and consideration. Councilors Lay and Vazquez both withdrew their motions.

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to table. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [18-011](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ELMER TADPOLE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)
Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 2. [18-012](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BRENDA THOMPSON AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION PHOENIX
Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 3. [18-013](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. Councilor Lay moved to table as this is a companion Act to the old business item just tabled. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 4. **TMP-366** DISCUSSION - REVIEW RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING MEETING TIMES
Councilor Dobbins commented he was unable to attend the meetings last month due to their schedule change. He made the Council aware there are provisions in our Rules of Procedure regarding changing committee meetings. He emphasized the importance of keeping the meetings at their regular schedule and it be very rare to change. He suggested should meetings fall on a Monday of a holiday that they be moved to the following Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:05 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Courtney Jordan</i>
<i>Londa Cox</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>
<i>Deborah Proctor</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Brenda Thompson

Teddy Snell

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad