



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

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 Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the June minutes as submitted.
Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker announced earlier today he and Deputy Chief Crittenden attended the REZ Conference at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino where economic development ideas are shared between fellow Native Americans. Last week the Remember the Removal Bike Riders were welcomed back home. The tribe has made a \$75,000 donation to several community organizations to better insure children get snacks and school supplies when school starts. He reminded everyone the application process for the school clothing vouchers is now open. They will host At Large meeting this weekend in New Mexico and Denver. A meeting will be held next week in regard to the Native American Veteran's Memorial in Washington D. C. He gave special recognition to Cherokee citizen Chance Fletcher who hiked the trail of tears from Red

Clay back to Oklahoma. 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 Warrior Goodlow Harvey Tootle and to the family of Cherokee Warrior Mathew Joshua Wheeler.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the next board meeting for the Housing Authority will be held on Tuesday, July 19th at 5:30. He provided an update in the newly acquired Rehab program. The applications for the College Housing program will be taken from July 25th through the 5th of August. He reported on the monthly impact the Housing Authority programs provide to Cherokee families. As of the end of May they have 249 employees with 95.2% of those being Cherokee and a total Native American employment of 98.4%. He provided an update on the Formulated Negotiated Rule Making Committee for NAHASDA. Councilor Taylor inquired if the majority of the rehab applications are from the elderly. Speaker Byrd inquired if the veteran's funding for housing grant has been received. He commented the Council formed a work group in regard to the rehab program and requested to meet with him to share their ideas and recommendation.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the April financials. He gave an update on the Grove casino project and its recently held topping out ceremony. Cultural Tourism is offering a free family friendly story telling events on Wednesdays in July at the gazebo in the Cherokee Capitol Square. He provided an update on their employment numbers including an 80.6% Native American employment percentage.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis made a motion to amend the agenda to include three items passed out of Community Service Committee and one item passed out of Executive & Finance committee earlier today. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [16-069](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SANDRA HATHCOAT AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED**

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
2. [16-070](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SANDRA HATHCOAT AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
3. [16-073](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE**

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
4. [16-078](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LA #05-16 "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"**

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

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [16-079](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
6. [16-081](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING FOR BRIDGE #84 OVER A TRIBUTARY TO THE CANEY RIVER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, OK**

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
7. [16-082](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING FOR BRIDGE #27 OVER**

WHITEWATER CREEK IN DELAWARE COUNTY, OK

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion.
The motion carried with no opposition.

8. [16-083](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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

9. [16-086](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:35 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on August 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.