



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Thursday, May 26, 2016

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;  
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez;  
Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn  
Crittenden; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

**Absent** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the April 28th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl gave appreciation to Mr. John Paden, Head of Security here at the Cherokee Nation, for his efforts in keeping the Archery Camp participants safe during the recent storms. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd inquired about the status of the cross deputation in Sequoyah county.*

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

*Attorney General Hembree made comments on the civil code amendments up for discussion later on the agenda. He gave an update on the still pending Dollar General case. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if they assist Registration with obtaining information from the Department of Vital Statistics.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin announced she has received a new FOIA request. She provided updated numbers in regard to the requests. The website is continuing to be updated.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepton

*Ms. Swepton offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired if they had considered registering airplanes.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Byrd inquired about assisting through self-governance the Veteran's Center in locating a liaison to assist our veterans.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*No one was present to report.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

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 Hargis moved to table both 1 and 2 as Ms. Hathcoat is unable to be with us today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
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 table both 1 and 2 as Ms. Hathcoat is unable to be with us today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
3. [16-071](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF EVAN M. MCLEMORE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD  
**Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Mr. McLemore was present for questions. Councilor Austin inquired if this is a first time appointment. AG Hembree gave a background for Mr. McLemore and announced his appointment will fill the vacancy left by Mr. Jim Cosby. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.**

4. [16-072](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO ASSUME INDEBTEDNESS; AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A LOAN AGREEMENT FROM CHEROKEE NATION WASTE MANAGEMENT, LLC., AND GRANTING A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Ms. Sara Hill gave an overview of the proposed resolution. Several questions were asked in regard to the resolution and the loan involved. Chair Byrd inquired about the future of the landfill and if there is still discussion in closure. Ms. Hill gave an update on the proposed long term strategic plan and current ideas. Councilor Thornton inquired if there is help available through the federal government in the form of grants. Councilor Jordan inquired about a business plan. Ms. Hill commented the new cell is under construction at this time. Discussion was held in regard to the current equipment, its value and if it would last through the remaining life of the landfill.*

**The motion to approve carried with Councilors Jordan and Walkingstick opposed and Councilor Lay abstaining.**

5. [16-073](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE

*Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Baker commented this is large addition to the law and would request a detailed description. AG Hembree agreed this is a very important piece of legislation as it deals with the due process rights of our citizens. He commented there is not a rush with this to be approved. He suggested any questions or concerns be emailed to him until the next time this is on the agenda for consideration. He suggested setting a meeting with additional time. Chair Byrd suggested a Special meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th of June on our regular Rules committee day.*

**Councilor Hargis moved to table to June 30th. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:47 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Chard Harsha</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>David Cornsilk</i>
<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Tammy Hooper</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Forrest Cox</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Evan McLemore</i>		