



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, August 13, 2012

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory-Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Byrd moved to approve the July 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. After comments were made by Councilor Coates and Cowan Watts the minutes were approved with Councilors Cowan Watts and Keener opposed.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker provided clarification that the one-hundred-seventy-eight years was the first time all the Cherokees were united. He recognized Marshal, Frankie Dreadfulwater, who has been recognized by his peers for outstanding community service and recognition for being named the 2012 Oklahoma DARE officer of the year. Chief Baker also recognized a Cherokee citizen who participated in the Olympics. This weekend Ryan Dirteater a Cherokee citizen and bull rider took 6th at the PBR in Tulsa, Cherokee citizen John Wesley Nofire had another TKO in the*

boxing ring. Chief Baker announced he visited with the teachers at Sequoyah High School. He recognized the Job Corp staff present and congratulated them on their 97% rating and rank of 53 of 126 Job Corp centers. The keys were turned over to seven families for new home ownership. The food distribution center in Nowata opened recently with a community room. He completed a hard hat tour of the Ramona casino facility and the Hard Rock main floor. He visited with the staff of the Redbird clinic and toured the annex which will be the temporary clinic until the mold issue is corrected at the clinic. The ground breaking was held in Stilwell for the Child Development Center. The Clothing Voucher program has come to an end with over 900 more vouchers given this year over the previous year. Chief Baker announced he and Attorney General Hembree visited with twenty plus senators in Washington DC. They were able to bring forth the contract health support and have received a letter from the Administration that it would be placed on the fast track. He commented the Tri-Council meeting held in Cherokee, NC was a good home coming and a wonderful experience. Preparations are being made for the 60th Cherokee National Holiday. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month. Deputy Principal Chief Crittenden recognized veterans Kenneth Morris and Col. Joel P. Ward.

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the August board meeting would be held on the 21st at 5:30 p.m. He reported over the last week seven new homes were completed with seven families moving in. They expect to enter into a contract with two Cherokee owned TERO certified surveyors. He anticipates by the end of the first quarter of the new fiscal year that homes start to be constructed in each of the Councilors area. The model homes will be open during the Holiday weekend for viewing with someone present to assist with applications. Approximately 1,096 housing applications have been received. The Rental Assistance staff is currently reviewing 120 applications. The Community Shield Insurance program remains steady with 2,334 Cherokee families participating. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported two employee families were affected by the fires in Manford. Financially for the month of May they continue to see strong results in the gaming operations. The diversified businesses captured several new contracts. Reports will be provided in detail at the meeting next month. They contributed \$241,000 in tax collections to the Cherokee Nation. The Ramona expansion project will open on the 28th and on the 18th the Catoosa expansion will open. The Ft. Gibson expansion and the Hard Rock tower are scheduled to open in the later part of November. Their newest company Cherokee Nation 3S is partnering with Haskell Indian Nations University to add twenty additional courses. Cherokee CRC will perform tasks for the FAA, the U. S. Army and Boeing. Cherokee Nation Construction Services will perform tasks for the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers in general services*

administration. All three Cherokee Nation museums will be open and offering free admission during the Holidays. Currently they have 4,129 employees at CNB with a Cherokee percentage of 67.6%, other Native Americans at 8.8% with a total of 76.4% Native American employment. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Coates inquired about a book recently removed from the shelves at the gift shop. Councilor Byrd inquired about the status of the RFP for the 1,100 acres in Sequoyah County. He also inquired about public relations and marketing at the OKC Thunder games. Councilor Thornton inquired about the status of the hydroelectric power plant. Councilor Snell inquired about the truck stop on the Cherokee turnpike.

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### Rules Committee

1. [12-095](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STEVE WILSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
  
Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with some opposition.  
  
Enactment No: R-77-12
  
2. [12-096](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RUTH ANN WEAVER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**  
  
Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with some opposition and one abstention.  
  
Enactment No: R-78-12
  
3. [12-055](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 13 SECTION 102 (a) and SECTIONS 304 (A)(b) and (c) OF THE CHEROKEE CODE ANNOTATED AND AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 13-07 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**  
  
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to withdraw this item. Upon clarification from Attorney General Hembree Councilor Cowan Watts requested to be removed as the sponsor and author. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to table indefinitely. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
  
4. [12-103](#)      **AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN TRIBAL POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY TO BE ENROLLED CITIZENS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**  
  
Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. After lengthy discussions and debate was held the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

**Yea:** 9 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Lee Keener Jr.;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates

**Nay:** 8 - Meredith Frailey;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Janelle Fullbright;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Enactment No: LA-29-12

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [12-067](#) **ACT REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING CHEROKEE NATION LAW REGARDING LABOR AND THE EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE AND REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12-10-CS Contract Law & Employment Law DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion with a friendly amendment on page 7 Section 8B1 to read “Nothing herein shall impose any new obligation on any employer to comply with said labor and employment laws.” The friendly amendment was accepted. After some comments were made the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

**Yea:** 17 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Meredith Frailey;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Lee Keener Jr.;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Cara Cowan Watts;Julia Coates;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Enactment No: LA-30-12

6. [12-094](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-31-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Walkingstick introduced Justin Carlton in the audience who will be running for Council.*

*Councilor Garvin announced District 3 will be hosting a community meeting on the 21st at the Three Rivers Clinic*

*Councilor Cowan Watts announced they have tentatively scheduled on October 27th the Victory Cherokee Organization and Tulsa County hog fry in Collinsville. She requested Chief Baker and Deputy Chief Crittenden attend and speak.*

*Councilor Byrd commended Deputy Chief Crittenden and staff for bringing water and snacks to the clothing voucher workers. Speaker Glory-Jordan commented this is a highly successful program with approximately 7,100 vouchers given out to children for back to school clothes. She commended the staff of the clothing voucher program and all volunteers.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:37 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on September 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.