



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the June 23rd regular session and special session minutes as submitted. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl announced they were awarded the Tribal Homeland Security Grant for 2016. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hargis gave appreciation for the recent diving certifications several of the Marshals recently received. Councilor Buzzard inquired what type of services the grant will provide. He also inquired if there would be any changes in the working relationship with the GRDA. Chair Byrd gave appreciation to all of the Marshals for their daily efforts.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Assistant Attorney General Chrissi Nimmo offered to answer any questions in the absence of Attorney General Hembree.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin provided an update on the FOIA and GRA requests.

Election Commission - Brooke Tillison

Ms. Tillison gave an update from the report submitted and provided a pamphlet they hand out at the community meetings regarding general election information. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Anglen requested the pamphlet be made available to the Council.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested additional information on the Sequoyah agriculture program. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the drama settlement referred to in the report. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the issues with the roads on the Sequoyah property had been resolved.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird gave an update on the casino progress in Grove. Councilor Buzzard inquired as to the type of games for the Grove facility. Councilor Lay inquired about the Gaming Commissions authority if we open a casino in Arkansas.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

No one present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-084](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN CHAPMAN PLUMB AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

2. [16-087](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF JEFF LIMORE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.

3. [16-085](#)

A NEW LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATED TO WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Councilor Taylor requested clarification under the protected activity in section 4 asking for an example of “another employer”. After discussion was held Ms. Nimmo suggested adding the following language to the end of the first sentence “in respect to Cherokee Nation or entities doing business with Cherokee Nation” The sponsors agreed to the suggested language. Councilor Lay stated there is another suggested amendment from Ms. Nimmo that he is agreement which would add “f” to this section. Ms. Nimmo gave an explanation for the suggested language and read the proposed section f as follows “Protected activity does not include false information provided by the employee.” Both Councilors Lay and Anglen agreed to insert “f”. Ms. Nimmo gave a brief explanation of how this Act was repealed previously. Councilor Garvin requested to be added as a sponsor.

The motion to approve with amendments carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:58 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Brooke Tillison</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Elizabeth Catron</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Sharon Swepton</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Martha Calico</i>	<i>Shawna Calico</i>	<i>Susan Chapman Plumb</i>
<i>Forrest Cox</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Harvey Chaffin</i>	<i>Theresa Hart</i>	<i>Jeff Limore</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>		