



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, March 11, 2019

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

Deputy Speaker Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard and Canaan Duncan

Absent 1 - Buel Anglen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the February minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker reported on the successful school appreciation day where we distributed over \$5.7m to over one-hundred public schools around our fourteen county jurisdiction. He gave appreciation to our Natural Resource Team for working with Nissan on a recent electric car test drive event here at the complex. He urged everyone to follow Cherokee Nation social media to keep track of our Women's History Month campaign. April 12th starts this year's annual Cherokee Days at the Smithsonian event. They will be in Kansas City and Wichita for At Large meetings this weekend. Chief Baker

requested a moment of silence following a long list of Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden honored Amon Baker, George M. Green, Kenneth L. Haddock, Gerald L. Richardson and Phillip H. Viles, Jr. all with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the financial for the first four months of the fiscal year. Track 5 at the Hard Rock has been well received. The casino at Tahlequah is progressing and looking forward to a May 1st opening, with a May 15th grand opening hosting the Bass Master weigh in. The demolition for the OSU medical school has begun. The Wilma P. Mankiller Clinic demolition and rebuild will begin this summer. They continue to progress with the Saline Courthouse renovations. Live racing begins March 25th at Will Rogers Downs. He proudly announced OSIYO Voices of the Cherokee People has been selected to screen their short films at several major film festivals throughout the year. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Crittenden voiced concern for some employee write ups at CNI and requested an update. Speaker Byrd requested a brief summary in email form be sent to all Council members. Councilor Lay requested clarifications for a company, PSI, in regard to complaints from artists and artwork at the Tahlequah casino and new clinic. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the protocol to tour CNI. He requested an update on the gaming situation in Arkansas.

Councilor Buzzard inquired who the committee for choosing artwork at our facility consists of. Councilor Crittenden read messages into the record from CNI employees.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Education and Culture Committee

1. [19-010](#) **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEER WORK OF JOSE**

ACALA ON THE REMEMBER THE REMOVAL BIKE RIDE

Sponsors: Harley Buzzard, Bryan Warner, Mary Baker Shaw and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Alcalá was presented with a Pendleton blanket.

Enactment No: R-011-19

Executive and Finance Committee

2. [19-015](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO VIAN PEACE CENTER IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-012-19

3. [19-016](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO MID COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan and Shawn Crittenden

Councilor Crittenden moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-013-19

4. [19-018](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO OAKS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-014-19

5. [19-019](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO ZION SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan

Councilor Duncan moved approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-015-19

6. [19-020](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO NO-WE-TA CHEROKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN NOWATA COUNTY**
- Sponsors:** Dick Lay
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-016-19
7. [19-012](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:** Janees Taylor
- Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: LA-03-19
8. [19-013](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:** Janees Taylor
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: LA-04-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Warner moved to amend the agenda to include an item passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. [19-017](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**
- Sponsors:** Dick Lay and Harley Buzzard
- Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-017-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard apologized for missing the last two Tribal Council Meetings due to health reasons. He gave appreciation to his wife Cynthia in attendance.

Councilor Taylor provided the Council with a form to clarify allegations brought forward by Councilor Walkingstick in the Rules Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Warner moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:53 p.m.**

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