



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, February 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Mr. Hominy Littledave gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

**Chief Hoskin announced placed before each Councilor is our rebranded Cherokee Vote items. On February 26th Cherokee Day at the Capitol will be a little different due to construction. He reported on the seven member work group to study hemp and cannabis growth. They began the annual distribution of heirloom seeds last week. This year the Global Seed Vault in Norway invited the Cherokee Nation to deposit our heirloom seeds. Chief Hoskin reflected on the importance of our citizens to complete the 2020 Census forms as each citizen who does not participate cost the Cherokee Nation approximately \$50,000. This week is our Valentines for Veterans effort where cards will be delivered to many VA facilities though out our jurisdiction. Chief stated he would be returning to New Orleans tomorrow for the Keel laying**

ceremony for the U.S. Navy ship the U. S. N. S. Cherokee Nation. He reported on the Indian Child Welfare case recently heard in New Orleans. Lastly he read a long list of Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden honored Vinnus J. Hilderbrand and Danny L. Stanley with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism. Deputy Warner commented on a recent visit to the VA in Muskogee while delivering the Valentines.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Chuck Garrett reported on the December financials. The Cherokee Film Office wrapped up a successful week at the Sundance Film Festival. The Oklahoma leading wedding experts will be at the Hard Rock on March 1st for a wedding show. In 2019 the Tulsa Hard Rock Hotel and Casino won a record eight of the Tulsa World's 2019 Best in the World Accolades. The CNB employees volunteered to make 756 senior citizen meal packs at the community food bank. It is a challenging time of the year with the flu bug and this year in particular with the corona virus, therefore they have taken extra precautionary efforts. He commented it was an honor to attend the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Leader meeting last week where it was gratifying to see the solidarity among the sovereign nations.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### Rules Committee

1. [20-005](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-NOMINATION OF MICHAEL DOUBLEHEAD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve the tax commission reappointments in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

2. [20-006](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-NOMINATION OF STEVE WILSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve the tax commission reappointments in Toto. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [20-007](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO DONATE A METAL FRAME BUILDING TO ZION SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY

**Councilor Shaw moved to approve all of the surplus donation items, 3 through 8, in Toto. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4. [20-008](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO GRAND LAKE MENTAL HEALTH IN JAY

**Councilor Shaw moved to approve all of the surplus donation items, 3 through 8, in Toto. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

5. [20-009](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. IN NOWATA COUNTY

**Councilor Shaw moved to approve all of the surplus donation items, 3 through 8, in Toto. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

6. [20-010](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE A VEHICLE TO RURAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FOUNDATION IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY

**Councilor Shaw moved to approve all of the surplus donation items, 3 through 8, in Toto. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

7. [20-011](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO ELM TREE BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

**Councilor Shaw moved to approve all of the surplus donation items, 3 through 8, in Toto. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

8. [20-012](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO DONATE A NATURAL GAS GENERATOR AND COMPONENTS TO MARYETTA SCHOOL

**Councilor Shaw moved to approve all of the surplus donation items, 3 through 8, in Toto. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

9. [20-013](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #14-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

10. [20-014](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Shambaugh moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of Community Service earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- [20-016](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

**Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Speaker Byrd introduced Beth Brown, a Cherokee Citizen and graduate of Muldrow High School. Ms. Brown gave a brief overview of her background and her consulting business.*

*Councilor Smith announced he has a community meeting on the last Thursday of this month at the Black Gum Community Center.*

*Councilor Buzzard Congratulated the Delaware County JOM for being recognized as being the Region 3 Outstanding Program of the Year at the National JOM Conference. Also at this conference, a girl from Jay won second in the art competition.*

*Councilor Coates announced there would be At Large Community events in Texas on the 7th and 8th of March.*

*Councilor Patzkowski announced a community meeting on the 24th at the Noweta Community Center.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:35 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on March 16th, 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.