



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, March 20, 2017

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

Councilor Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

Absent 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the February 21st minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker announced they have just returned from Wichita and Kansas City where they had At Large community meetings. They have broken ground for eleven new homes being built Vinita. The new home program has built over five-hundred homes and have over three-hundred under construction at this time. Cherokee Days will be held starting March 31st at the Smithsonian. In Late February the first event was held at the Joe Thornton Archery Range. The Sequoyah High School basketball teams; the boys made it to State and the girls won State. He recognized fourteen of the twenty-five Cherokee cowboys and cowgirls who

participated in the National Finals. Mr. Bruce Davis presented the Chief and Deputy Chief with spurs and the Council with a #1 back number. Chief Baker read a long list of Cherokee citizens who passed over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Veterans Ronnie Leon Harrison, Michael Lewis Hudson, Franklin Raymond Lee, and Thomas Lee Sullivan.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave an update on the financial results for the nearing end of the first quarter. He commented some of the smaller properties have struggled but are bouncing back over the last couple of months. He reported on the I-44 road construction a few miles away from Hard Rock and its impact. They contributed \$286,000 in tax collections to the tribe. He provided an update on the renovations at Will Rogers Downs and the new pool at Hard Rock. The World Series of Poker is under way at Hard Rock. CNB was recently recognized by the Oklahoma Blood Institute for its continued commitment to saving lives through blood donation and was recently named the Top Business Partner of the Year. CNB employees volunteered to participate in Read Across America Day where they took their favorite childhood books to several local classrooms. He provided current employee counts and Cherokee percentages. Councilor Taylor commented upon discussion with other Councilors there wouldn't be a need for Mr. Slaton to report tomorrow morning in committee. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on an issue. Councilor Hatfield commented on the new signs on highway 35.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [17-018](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LEROY QUALLS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Rex Jordan, David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-011-17

2. [17-013](#) **AMENDMENT TO LA 30-04 ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Jordan opposed.

Enactment No: LA-09-17

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [17-020](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPTIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-10-17

4. [17-021](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-11-17

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include two resolutions passed out of committees earlier this afternoon. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. [17-024](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE OKLAHOMA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST (TSET) HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-012-17

6. [17-039](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GRANT TO SURVEY HISTORIC ROSE COTTAGE SITE

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-013-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:43 p.m.

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