



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Tribal Council Minutes Tribal Council

Monday, February 11, 2008

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Frailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers, W.W. Keeler Complex.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cobb gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to suspend the Council rules in order to amend the agenda. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include 12 additional new business items as 3 through 14 as provided in a packet. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the minutes of the January 14th Regular Session. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Deputy Principal Chief, Joe Grayson gave the State of the Nation in the absence of Chief Smith. He recognized the Cherokee's lost over the last month as Violet Smith, Rhonda Jones, Shelby Washington, Emma Lou Ross, Brett Crawford, and Jack Fine. Speaker Frailey requested the addition of two Mayes County ladies as Lucinda Beaver and Susan Bluebird. He requested a moment of silence to pay respect to members and friends who have passed this last month. Deputy Chief Grayson announced Rogan Noble and the Veterans Department are organizing Valentine's for Vets. He honored two Veterans this month as Paul Mathew Bickford and Wilson Vann. Deputy Grayson proudly stated the Three Rivers Health Clinic was dedicated last Thursday. He stated the clinic will serve all Native Americans in the area. The Cherokee Nation Education Corporation has announced a list of scholarships available for Cherokee Nation citizens. The application deadline for the seven different scholarships is the 14th of March. This Thursday a check presentation will

be made to the rural fire departments within the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction. Sequoyah High School Senior Angel Goodrich has been nominated to be a Mc Donald's All American. This is an honor given to only 24 high school basketball players nation wide. Nathan Stanley a Sequoyah High School Senior quarterback has been named as a finalist in the Gatorade player of the year competition for Oklahoma. Senior Andrea Walkingstick has been selected to work as a page during the 2008 Legislative Session for Senator Jim Wilson.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - David Southerland

Mr. David Southerland announced the board meeting is scheduled for one week from tomorrow. The agenda will consist of a memorandum of agreement between the Housing Authority and the Cherokee Nation, the 401K plan, and the consideration of a one time recruitment incentive for employees not offered a comparable position. Employee meetings have been scheduled for the 21st in the Council Chambers to go over the program changes and job offers. He stated there are countless tasks to be competed to make the May 1st transition deadline.

Cherokee Nation Enterprises - David Stewart

Mr. David Stewart stated December was a good month except for Catoosa. The ice storm had a fairly significant impact on business. He stated they provided a place for employees to stay if needed. He gave appreciation for the employee's dedication during the trying time. Will Rogers Downs 44 race days start later this month. Their financial results are significantly better than in the past. Mr. Stewart announced all the projects are going well. He stated Cherokee employment remains strong. They have 3250 employees at this time and will begin hiring at the expansions within the next six months.

Cherokee Nation Industries - Bryan Collins

Bryan Collins reported monthly sales as of January 2008 are \$6.8ml with total sales year to date at \$27.1ml. This is approximately 30% less than last year. There has been a down turn in construction sales and staffing sales at this time. Their local employment remains at 290 which is 82% Cherokee. CNI's next board meeting will be held February 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the Tulsa facility. He announced CND has been recently awarded Boeing Supplier Excellence of the Year for 2007. Only 32 companies out of 10,000 has a past track record of the last 2 years of 100% on time and 100% quality.

Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - Callie Catcher

Brad Carson announced they held their board meeting last Saturday. He stated they would be soon announcing an exciting new health care venture. He stated this will be a profitable project that will bring jobs and much needed services to the 14 county region. He stated there are other interesting diversification projects ongoing to be announced soon.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **A RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMISSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION LANDFILL IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Tabled to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO FUND FIFTEEN ELDER NUTRITION SITES AND THE CHEROKEE FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Councilor Buzzard moved for its approval. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion for approval passed unanimously.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-05-08

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONWIDE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Councilor Buzzard moved for its approval. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion for approval passed unanimously.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-06-08

3. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROGER L. JOHNSON AS CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER

Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-07-08

4. A RESOLUITON CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARTHA CALICO AS CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER

Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-08-08

5. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAN AGENT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-09-08

6. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAVID BALLEW AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION METALWORKS, LLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-10-08

7. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ADOLPH LECHTENBERGER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENTERPRISES, LLC, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-11-08

8. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JACKIE BOB MARTIN AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INDUSTRIES, LLC, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yea: 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Enactment No: R-12-08

9. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LIZ GRIGSBY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INDUSTRIES, LLC, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Yea:** 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker
- Enactment No: R-13-08
10. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LLOYD ARMSTRONG AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Yea:** 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker
- Enactment No: R-14-08
11. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ADOLPH LECHTENBERGER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- Councilor Anglen made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Yea:** 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker
- Enactment No: R-15-08
12. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- Councilor Buzzard made a motion for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Yea:** 17 - S. Joe Crittenden;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Cara Cowan Watts;Buel Anglen;Jack D. Baker;Tina Glory Jordan;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Harley Buzzard;Curtis Snell;Chris Soap;Bradley Cobb;Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Julia Coates and Bill John Baker
- Enactment No: R-16-08
13. AN ACT AMENDING LA 23-04 RELATING TO CHEROKEE NATION SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE WAIVER FOR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Councilor Bill John Baker and seconded by Councilor S. Joe Crittenden, that this matter be Approved. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Bill John Baker

Nay: 10 - Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Enactment No:

14.

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-07 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 - MOD 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Jack Baker announced this modification increases the budget. He announced a \$4,121,000 carry over funds from the tobacco sur-tax to be used for the cancer and diabetes treatment and prevention program. The housing funds increase by \$2,300,000 the motor vehicle fund increases by \$718,000 of which 38% goes to our schools and roads. Overall the budget is increasing to \$439,680,000.

A motion was made by Councilor Jack D. Baker and seconded by Councilor Bradley Cobb, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 14 - David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Julia Coates and Bill John Baker

Nay: 3 - S. Joe Crittenden; Tina Glory Jordan and Jodie Fishinghawk

Enactment No: LA-03-08

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to allow a 90 second video presentation regarding the Three Rivers Clinic. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Frailey requested the nominees present to please stand for a moment of recognition.

Councilor Fullbright recognized Cherokee National Youth Council members Will Shaver, and Danielle Cole.

Councilor Cowan Watts recognized Danielle's mother and Ellen Cole. She further recognized Jimmy Johnson, Curtis Rohr, and the Bickford family.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business presented, Councilor Cowan Watts moved for adjournment. The next regular Council meeting will be held on March 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the W.W. Keeler Complex.

**Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation**