



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, April 15, 2019

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

**Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

**Absent** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Warner moved to approve the March 11th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden gave the State of the Nation as Chief Baker is on his way back from At Large meetings and Cherokee Days in Washington D. C. while other staff attended Inter Tribal Council hosted by the Choctaws. Chief Baker was able to attend the unveiling of the New Echota. Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People had its statewide season debut recently on OETA. Cherokee Nation is distributing 5,000 care kits to all clinics and Hastings hospital to help women and young ladies have adequate access to self-care products. In early May the grand opening of our newest*

*entertainment venue will open in Tahlequah. Also coming up in May we will break ground for the OSU medical school campus at Cherokee Nation. This will be the first medical school on Tribal land. Our new outpatient medical facility at Hastings is approximately complete. In Special Recognition Deputy Chief recognized Dr. Casey Shrum and Dr. William Pettit from OSU to present to the Tribal Council. The Council were each given a beaded stethoscope. Deputy Chief Crittenden requested the 2019 Remember the Removal Bike Riders introduce themselves. The Youth Council were recognized. Deputy Chief Crittenden read a list of those Cherokees whom we have lost 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 Junior Chewey, Jewell B. Garrison and George W. Tipton Sr. with the Cherokee Warrior medal.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the first half of the fiscal year. The new Tahlequah casino will open May 1st. On May 17, 18 and 19 we will host the Bass Masters weigh-ins at the Tahlequah casino. Track 5 continues to attract large crowds at the Hard Rock. Promise Tru hotel will be constructed in the Cherokee Plaza. He announced some of the upcoming showcases in Season 5 of Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People along with the channels it is available for viewing. They currently employ 7,318 at CNB with a 71.1% Cherokee employment and 6.6% other Native American employment. He offered to answer questions.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Rules Committee

1. [19-021](#) **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE AND AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS,**

**INC.**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-018-19

- 2. [19-022](#) **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND BINDING ARBRITRATION AND AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF RANK ONE SPORT'S WEBSITE**

**Sponsors:** Mike Shambaugh

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

Enactment No: R-019-19

Executive and Finance Committee

- 3. [19-025](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS TO THE 102-477 PLAN**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: R-020-19

- 4. [19-023](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-05-19

- 5. [19-024](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 6A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Sponsors:** Janees Taylor, David Walkingstick, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh and Joe Byrd

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the Marshal pay raises. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: LA-06-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Shaw moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. [19-027](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OKLAHOMA, INC., TO RE-APPLY FOR AMERICORPS FUNDING ON BEHALF OF CHEROKEE NATION TO CONTINUE THE MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP WITH CHEROKEE NATION**

Sponsors: Mary Baker Shaw

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

Enactment No: R-021-19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Speaker Byrd commented he attended the Federal Bar Conference recently and our Marshal Service was used as a model. He gave appreciation to Marshal Buhl for his hard work.*

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Crittenden moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:49 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.