



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

Thursday, October 25, 2007

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frailey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Soap gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Absent 1 - Don Garvin

Late Arrival 2 - Cara Cowan Watts and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of September 27th regular session. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to move new business before reports. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to accept written reports from Cherokee Nation staff. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Written reports were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Amendment Redress of Grievance re: Former Principal Chief John Ross (Discussion Only)
John A. Ketcher stated he has decided this is not the right time to discuss this issue because of the problem of the Freedmen issue before them and they would need to have this come to a head before they continue on. No action needed.
2. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATING TO THE ADMINISTERING OF INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AMENDING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTS; REPEALING LA#27-07; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Cowan Watts withdrew this item and will bring it back at a later date.

3. AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 SECTION 21, TITLE 51 SECTION 1 AND TITLE 51 SECTION 11 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED, AND AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 42-03 DEALING WITH COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Todd Hembree stated this is an amendment to the current Act and the changes in the act are as follows: the Citizen's Committee shall convene within the first six (6) months after the election period to make its findings and recommendations and meet every four (4) years thereafter. Recommendation approved under this Act shall not be instituted during current term election. The intent of the legislation is to depoliticize voting the Council a raise.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion for approval. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried with opposition from Councilor Bill John Baker.

Yea: 15 - S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; 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. and Julia Coates

Nay: 1 - Bill John Baker

Councilor Cobb made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Resolution authorizing Cherokee Nation to donate computer equipment to W.W. Hastings Hospital as item #5 under new business. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATING TO NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table this item until the appropriate amended Act is before the committee. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO DONATE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO W.W. HASTINGS HOSPITAL

Councilor Cobb moved for the approval. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. cont. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATING TO NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to bring the Legislative Act Relating to Native American Arts and Crafts back on the table. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Todd Hembree the changes change the word "handicraft" to "hand made items", deletes the sentence at the end of section 4b, which reads "For the purpose of this Act only instrumentalities include organizations of which the Cherokee Nation provides a majority of the organization's funding.", rewords section 5c to read as: The Tribal Employment Rights Organization (T.E.R.O.) shall have the duty to certify Indians "that sell Art or Craft. Indian Artist who are sole proprietors may apply for certification and not be charged a fee", and the last change is deleting section F and re-lettering accordingly.

Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment to have the confirmation of the curator to be done by the Council to seek advice from constituency as to the person being brought forth for the position. Council Cowan Watts did not accept the friendly

amendment because this is not a political appointed position.

Chair Frailey offered a friendly amendment to have labeling provision included in the Act. Councilor Cowan Watts accepted the friendly amendment and requested Todd Hembree to draft the labeling provision amendment. Councilor Anglen seconded the friendly amendment.

Todd Hembree recommended passing this Act as is and approve a labeling amendment in the Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Cara Cowan Watts and seconded by Co Chair Buel Anglen, that this matter be Approved with Ammendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; 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. and Julia Coates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 29th at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cobb moved for adjournment. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Sharon Swebston</i>	<i>Vicki Hanvey</i>	<i>Diane Hammons</i>
<i>Jim Redcorn</i>	<i>Melanie Knight</i>		
<i>Rodney Sumner</i>	<i>Ginger Brown</i>	<i>Melissa Gower</i>	
<i>Diane Kelley</i>			

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Emily Bushyhead</i>
<i>John A. Ketcher</i>	<i>Mitch Thornbrugh</i>	<i>Patrick Hill</i>
<i>Mike Miller</i>	<i>Jennifer Goodvoice</i>	

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secreatry

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____