



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Meredith Frailey, Speaker*

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Monday, October 10, 2011

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Cara Cowan Watts  
Acting Speaker of the Council

**Acting Speaker Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Bill John Baker; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates and Tina Glory Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the September 12, 2011 regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

S. Joe Crittenden  
Interim Principal Chief

*Interim Principal Chief Crittenden recognized our Cherokee friends and family who we have lost over the last month with a moment of silence. Veterans honored this month were brothers Jim and Rod Lacey. Chief Crittenden introduced the new Cherokee Ambassadors. In program and service updates he announced the Cherokee Nation opened its first compressed natural gas fueling station in September at the Outpost in Tahlequah. The Vinita Health Center is on track to be complete in the fall of next year. The Cherokee Nation is conducting a community flu vaccination at the Three Rivers Health Center on Saturday, November 5th. On October 20th at the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa the Annual Cherokee Nation Indian Owned Business Fair. He introduced his wife, Lynda Crittenden.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

## Housing Authority - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland announced the board meeting was held last Tuesday with the November meeting scheduled for November 15th. A meeting was held with the Delaware tribe where a sub-recipient agreement was executed for their block grant funding. He stated they continue to have issues with acquiring contractors for lead based paint abatement jobs.*

## Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - David Stewart

*Mr. Shawn Slaton reported in regard to financial results July was a fantastic month. Their Cherokee Services Group was awarded a \$1.4ml contract from the Department of Energy as well as being awarded a contract with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Human Services. Cherokee Nation Business has joined with Cherokee Nation to partner with junior achievement. The Joint at Hard Rock celebrated its first birthday. They have hosted over forty-five events with over 100,000 fans in attendance over the past year. The West Siloam Springs Casino was named the best casino by the readers of the Northwest Arkansas newspapers. The current employment at CNB is 4,103 with a Cherokee percentage of 63.1, other native at 9.9% for a total of 73% Native American employment.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Snell moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of the Resource committee earlier today. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [11-112](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (CNEP) TO DONATE ONE XRF TO THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS (EBCI) IN NORTH**

**CAROLINA**

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve items 1 and 2 in Toto. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-76-11

2. [11-113](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (CNEP) TO DONATE ONE XRF TO CHEROKEE-CRC (C-CRC)**

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve items 1 and 2 in Toto. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-77-11

3. [11-114](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-78-11

4. [11-115](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FCC CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**

*Councilor Anglen moved to approve and announced a handout has been provided to answer question brought forward in committee. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired why we choose not to use these permits. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment to delete any reference in the resolution to any permit not being sold at this time. The friendly amendment was accepted. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment for the proceeds of this sale is given to the Cherokee Nation treasury and CNB be reimbursed one-half of their cost. The friendly amendment was accepted. Acting Speaker Cowan Watts requested a follow up report at Executive and Finance committee providing information as to if there are other permits, the history as to how we got these three, what the intentions are for the remaining murphy permit, the difference between the Tahlequah and Murphy permits along with a map and why sale instead of lease.*

**The motion to approve as amended carried with Councilors Hoskin Jr. and Lay opposed.**

Enactment No: R-79-11

5. [11-121](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Fishinghawk questioned the signatures on the DOI agreement. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-22-11

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Jack D. Baker requested the Council remain after adjournment to sign the NCAI resolution.*

*Councilor Keener announced several Council members attended the Eastern Band of Cherokee inaugural events and fall festival and look forward to the Joint Council events coming up next year.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:49 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on November 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.