



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Meredith Frailey, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, January 17, 2011

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**This meeting was originally scheduled for January 10th.**

### CALL TO ORDER

Meredith Frailey  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Frailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Coates gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution authorizing the Cherokee Nation to Department of Children, Youth and Family Services to donate surplus items to client families. This item passed out of the Community Service Committee today. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Cobb moved to approve the December 13, 2010 regular session and the December 24, 2010 special session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## STATE OF THE NATION

Chad Smith

Principal Chief

*Chief Smith gave a moment of recognition for the friends and family whom we have lost over the last month. The veterans honored this month were a father, Norman Crow Jr., and his two sons Norman Crow III and Brian Crow. Deputy Chief Joe Grayson gave appreciation and thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers while he was in the hospital. He stated he is very humbled to be here has learned a lesson to take it easy and to live life to its fullest. In program service updates Chief Smith announced the Kenwood community center and nutrition site has been a great self-help project by bringing together many of the community members in Kenwood, Cherokee Nation employees, CNE employees and students from Northeastern. The Cherokee Nation Transit system is now up to three buses and has routes between Tahlequah and Sallisaw, Tahlequah and Salina, Catoosa and Pryor for just \$1.00. A roads funding agreement is now in place in Adair County where the Cherokee Nation plans to spend \$55,000,000 to \$60,000,000 to construct nearly sixty miles of roads over the next several years. The seed exchange program is currently in progress where Cherokee gardeners can contact the Natural Resources department for information on how to receive free heirloom seeds. Councilor Cowan Watts has been appointed to represent the Cherokee Nation on the Oklahoma Water Resources Board Technical Advisory Group to review the water quality in some of our designated scenic rivers. The Cherokee Nation is offering home energy audits for Cherokee home owners within our jurisdiction. Mr. Todd Enlow introduced the newly seated Cherokee Nation Youth Leadership Council as Kindle Morton, Dylan Tucker, Sara Paden, Summer Locust, Dylan Walls, Lauren Keen, Garrett Reed and Noah Collins. Mr. Carey Tilley of the Heritage Center presented Volume II of the Moravian book to the Council. He announced the Cherokee Nation along with the Eastern Band Council in joint resolution supported the translation the old Germanic script of the Moravian Missionaries who lived among the Cherokees at the beginning of the Nineteenth century. Councilor Jack D. Baker announced the Winston Salem Academy which is operated by the Moravian Church and was founded in 1772. An exchange program has been started between Cherokee Nation Sequoyah Schools and Salem Academy to re-establish the relationship. He introduced two young ladies, Emma and Haley, who have been here for three weeks now and Anna Smith who is on the Board of Trustees for Salem College and Salem Academy.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

## Housing Authority - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland announced the next board meeting is tomorrow the 18th at noon. There is a light agenda this month with one of their items for consideration being designating some of the Birdtail apartments as emergency units. They will also discuss designating emergency units throughout all units in the fourteen counties. They have a couple of opportunities to obtain some FEMA homes from Cookson Hill Community Action and others are available through HUD.*

## Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart reported the financial results for CNB are approximately 10% above last year and slightly ahead of budget at CNE. The debt remains at approximately \$20,000,000 out of the \$120ml available. They are about to complete their fifth acquisition with ETI which is in the I.T. sector. The employees contributed 250 coats to the elder care and child care programs. The road work in Catoosa is complete and they have seen a steady increase in business. Mr. Todd Enlow gave an update on the Cisco Training course. Mr. Enlow stated in a joint effort with the businesses, Sequoyah Schools, leadership and I.T. they have started the Cisco Certified Network Academy at Sequoyah. Justin Workman from the I. T. department has been recruited to teach the course. This course has been established to create sustainable jobs and help them become self-sufficient. Councilor Cobb pointed out the total number of active applicants for CNE is just under 75,000 applicants and of those 27.73% are Cherokee citizens yet the hiring practices of Cherokee citizens is just over 46%.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [10-139](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION CHILD CARE PROGRAM TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO CHEROKEE NATION CONTRACTED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**  
**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**  
Enactment No: R-01-11

Rules Committee

2. [10-140](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JIM WILCOXEN AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**  
**Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**  
Enactment No: R-02-11

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [10-138](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded**

the motion. Motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-01-11

4. [11-008](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO  
DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CLIENT FAMILIES**

**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-03-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Bill John Baker gave congratulations to the new Youth Leadership Council.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried at 6:36 p.m.**

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