



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, July 9, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

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

INVOCATION

Secretary Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

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

Late Arrival 1 - Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve the June 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker reported they dedicated the Peace Pavilion in downtown Tahlequah. Both the Remember the Removal Riders return and the Annual Tri-Council meeting were held at the pavilion. The three federally recognized tribes will be meeting this coming weekend at New Echota for the 180th Homecoming of the last time the Cherokees met there. The Inter-Tribal Council meeting of the five tribes will be held at The River Spirit. On June 29th the Employee Appreciation Day was held. The labor day weekend plans are being finalized for the Cherokee National Holiday. He read a list of

Cherokees who we have lost over the past month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Baker honored Cherokee Veteran Larry D. Snider.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the April financials. He gave an update on the projects at Hard Rock and the Cherokee Plaza. He announced next year in May we will sponsor the Bass Master fishing tournament at Lake Ft. Gibson with weigh-ins being held at the Cherokee Plaza in front of the casino. They hope to be in the casino in late March. The groundbreaking for the retail portion of the Cherokee Plaza will be held at the end of this week if the weather permits. The first occupant will be Newk's Eatery. He gave an update on the diversified businesses with two new army contracts. The Tourism department will be hosting stories on the Square on Wednesdays in July. Details were given in regard to the new exhibit at the Cherokee Nation Prison Museum. Current employment numbers were given with a Native American employment percentage of 80.1%. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the army contracts. He also inquired about the use of the Woodmark building. Mr. Slaton stated he wouldn't be able to report to the Executive and Finance Committee tomorrow morning. Speaker Byrd gave appreciation for their assistance with the hosting of the Sovereignty Play.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [18-041](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TRIBAL SOIL CLIMATE ANALYSIS NETWORK (TSCAN / WEATHER STATION)**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-027-18

Rules Committee

2. [18-043](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TONYA ROZELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**
- Sponsors:** Joe Byrd and Rex Jordan
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-028-18
3. [18-044](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PATSIANN NIX SMITH AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**
- Sponsors:** Joe Byrd and Rex Jordan
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-029-18
4. [18-045](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. BLAKE FLETCHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**
- Sponsors:** Frankie Hargis, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Byrd, Wanda Hatfield, Mike Shambaugh and Shawn Crittenden
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Fletcher gave appreciation for the honor and support for the position.
- Enactment No: R-030-18

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [18-046](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY IN FY19**
- Sponsors:** Bryan Warner
- Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-031-18
6. [18-047](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD.**

5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-16-18

7. [18-048](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-17-18

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include 2 resolutions passed out of Community Service committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[18-049](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2018 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis, Dick Lay, Rex Jordan, Janees Taylor, Bryan Warner and Harley Buzzard

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-032-18

[18-050](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis, Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Bryan Warner, Dick Lay and Harley Buzzard

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

Enactment No: R-033-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shambaugh congratulated the Jay Fighting Peacocks for winning the National Championship.

Councilor Taylor announced Matt Monroe a Cherokee from Locust Grove has been chosen to be on USA Archery Team when they compete in Canada. He will be taking Cherokee Nation pins to trade with the other competitors.

Councilor Hatfield congratulated her cousin, Christian Smith, a Sequoyah High School student who will be attending a ten day theatre and arts program at the University of Columbia.

Speaker Byrd recognized Carolyn Waterfalling in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:30 p.m.

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