



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, July 12, 2021

5:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the June regular session minutes.
Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced since our last Council meeting we have reached the one-year anniversary of the McGirt decision. He commented on the many steps taken by this tribe to create the best criminal justice system. Unfortunately, there has been a great deal of Reddick from the Governor of the State of Oklahoma. A couple of weeks ago we had the honor of hosting the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director for the Medicare and Medicaid Centers and the Interim Director of Indian Health Service. He provided an update on the \$2,000 COVID assistance payments and sign up events. He announced they are making strides to close the gap

in connectivity through Starlink Technology. We are the first tribe to achieve tribal self-governance in transportation. Chief Hoskin and Deputy Chief attended the ribbon cutting of the new office location in Pryor for Career Services. Chief commented on our recent acquisition of the Dwight Mission. He gave appreciation for being a part of the Tri-Council meeting recently held. Lastly he commented on language preservation and the 200th Anniversary of the Cherokee Syllabary. Speaker Byrd commented on the events of the Tri-Council.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported they had a very strong May across the business enterprises. Cherokee Federal continues to have a record year. Gaming and hospitality they are continuing to make strides to get back to normal operations. The "Joint" is now the "Hard Rock Live" is beginning to book shows again with the first being Clint Black on August 18th. He reported on the Cultural Tourism group's new exhibits, the art show, and the acquisition of Dwight Mission. He announced they would once again host drive in movie nights during the Cherokee Holiday. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg gave appreciation for the assistance in cashing the \$2,000 COVID checks. Councilor Nofire voiced concern for the fence being constructed at the Heritage Center interfering with the marble fields.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Legg made a motion to amend the agenda to include a report from the President of Northeastern State University on the Seminary Hall Renovation and also to add new business item #7 approved earlier today from Resource committee. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORT - Northeastern State University Seminary Hall Renovation

by: President Turner and Dr. Cambiano

President Turner and Dr. Cambiano provided a background of Seminary Hall then gave a PowerPoint presentation of the renovation. He provided information for the Council to schedule a tour. Speaker Byrd commented on his tour of the facility. He inquired when the completion date is set. He asked many of the Council are NSU Alumni.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [21-056](#) **a resolution ADOPTING the KANSAS INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS A PRIORITY FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SAFETY FUNDING**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh and Joe Deere

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-030-21

Rules Committee

2. [21-059](#) **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MEMORIAL HONORING THE CHEROKEE SPEAKERS LOST TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Julia Coates, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-031-21

3. [21-060](#) **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO JURISDICTION, VENUE, CHOICE OF LAW, AND LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT IN CONNECTION WITH JAIL AGREEMENTS**

Sponsors: Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire requested clarification. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-032-21

4. [21-062](#) **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY ENCOURAGING appropriate TRIBAL CONSULTATION and representation IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski, Wes Nofire, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-033-21

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [21-063](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE GRANT PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: R-034-21

6. [21-061](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - Mod. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-35-21

7. [21-064](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO NEGOTIATE AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BID TO LEASE TRIBAL UNITS ON FEE OR TRUST LAND**

Sponsors: Rex Jordan and E. O. "JR." Smith

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

Enactment No: R-035-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several Councilors recognized the passing of Cherokee citizens who have passed.

Councilor Smith announced the Council and Staff will be taking a tour of the Dwight Mission grounds tomorrow following the meetings.

Speaker Byrd announced lunch will be provided tomorrow prior to leaving for Dwight Mission, immediately following E&F Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:44 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.