



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, July 14, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr.; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the June 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker congratulated Attorney General Todd Hembree, Vickie Hanvey and other for their excellent job in negotiating the \$29.5ml settlement for the Contract Support Cost. Over the last week the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Signing of the Act of Union of the Cherokee People was held. Over \$450,000 was given to area volunteer fire departments a couple of weeks ago. Substantial monies have been contributed for infrastructure needs in various communities such as a water treatment system in Locust Grove, a highly traveled bridge just outside of Adair, Oklahoma, an expanded waterline in Muskogee County, and law enforcement in Cherokee County. We have received a \$3.7ml Department of Labor grant to retrain displaced workers*

*within our region. Our Health Department has agreed to take Claremore Indian Hospital's ICU patients while theirs is temporarily shut down. He announced the paperwork is done and the business lease is signed for a casino in South Coffeyville. Chief Baker gave special recognitions to Dennis Sixkiller and Daryl Legg. Dennis Sixkiller has celebrated his 10th anniversary as the host of Native Sounds Radio Program. Daryl Legg a Cherokee Citizen and employee was named by the White House "A Champion of Change" for his work in our Re-entry Program for former felons. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for those citizens we have lost over the last month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Veterans Jackie D. England, Benjamin Ewing and Russell Grass.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Fullbright moved to amend the agenda to include 4 items passed out of committees earlier this afternoon, one resolution from Health Committee and three from Community Services Committee. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried as new business items 6 through 9.**

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the next regular board meeting will be held this Thursday at 5:30. He is preparing to attend the 5th session of the Negotiated Rule Making. They will be accepting college housing applications for NAHASDA eligible students from August 1st through the 15th. He provided an update on the affordable home owners insurance provided to nearly 2,500 families on their privately owned homes. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the number of homes built to date and the number of applications pending.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Chuck Garrett reported in the absence of Mr. Slaton. He provided an overview of the financials for the month of May. Retail sales for the month of May were \$325,000 and the liquor excise tax contribution was \$21,000 for a total tax contribution to the Nation of \$346,000 above the dividend. They are currently offering free lunch bags throughout the month of July while supplies last for guests who visit the John Ross Museum. They have joined the Cherokee Nation and the Dwight Mission Officials in announcing a pledge of \$120,000 to help preserve the nearly one hundred year old*

*school house. The Cherokee Casino and Hotel in West Siloam recently partnered with the Oklahoma Blood Institute to hold a blood drive. The current employment at CNB is 4,586 with 73.4% Cherokee, other Native Americans at 7.1% and a total Native American percentage of 80.5%.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Resource Committee

1. [14-048](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION OF THE "CHEROKEE NATION FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN" TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
  
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-043-14
  
2. [14-058](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-ENERGY AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
  
Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-044-14

##### Rules Committee

3. [14-062](#)      **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING LA #10-11 MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING ACT**  
  
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Lay in opposition.  
  
Enactment No: LA-17-14

##### Executive and Finance Committee

4. [14-060](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
  
Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.  
  
Enactment No: LA-18-14

5. [14-061](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-19-14
6. [14-064](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION**
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilors Garvin and Fishinghawk requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-045-14
7. [14-065](#)      **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR CH. IX (4-1-03 EDITION 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION)**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Councilors Garvin and Fishinghawk requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-046-14
8. [14-066](#)      **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION**
- Councilor Buzzard made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilors Garvin and Fishinghawk requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-047-14
9. [14-067](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 OF HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDING FOR FY 2015 TO MATCH THE ICDBG APPLICATION**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Fishinghawk and Garvin requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-048-14

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Lay announced a topping out ceremony will be held at the Ochelata Clinic tomorrow at 2:00 with lunch at 12:30.*

*Deputy Speaker Fullbright announced the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the Nicutt Road at the Nicutt Community Building at 11:30 on the 22nd.*

*Councilor Byrd commented on the Chickasaw Cultural Center and our Heritage Center. Recommendations have been made to the Heritage Center Board to*

*reorganize and downsize their board.*

*Councilor Walkingstick announced today is Councilor Taylor's birthday and requested everyone sing happy birthday to her.*

*Council Attorney Dianne Barker Harrold announced it is also Councilors Hargis and Walkingstick's birthday months.*

*Councilor Thornton commented on the comradely at the Five Tribes meetings.*

*Deputy Speaker Fullbright announced the next meeting will be held on August 11th.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on August 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.