



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Tuesday, January 16, 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

Deputy Speaker Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; 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; Victoria
Vazquez; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 regular session minutes. Councilor Baker Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker reported on the recently held Inter-Tribal Council meetings and announced he would be the President of the ITC for the next year. He recently signed an executive order recognizing Martin Luther King's birthday as a Cherokee Nation holiday. They participated in the Tulsa MLK Day parade and a celebration event in Muskogee. CNB has provided a memorandum of understanding agreement to launch a new pilot project with our language program to provide afterschool and summer

school language programs. Six new vans have been added to our Transportation Services through a grant. They have lobbied the Department of Homeland Security to suspend their plans at Chillico. He read a long list of Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Cherokee Warrior John Andrew Cockurm.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Veteran's Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman gave an overview of the report provided. She touched on the recently held bingo and lunch events. They are planning a Sweetheart dance on February 13th. She gave highlights on the various applications and services they have for Veterans. Lastly she stated their goal is to become nationally known. Councilor Buzzard commented a Veteran's report is provided at any of the other committees. He inquired about a kitchen at the Veteran's center. The schedule of the benefits intake person was requested. Councilor Buzzard inquired if activities would also be provided for veterans in other areas. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the number of staff at the center. Speaker Byrd commented on the great strides the center has made in such a short time.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported they ended the first quarter of the fiscal year in great shape. He provided an update on the expansion projects. One of their employees was asked to join the Tulsa Resilient Advisors on Racial Equality Foundation. He reported Cherokee Nation Red Wing earned a quality accreditation. Our Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions earned an award with the U.S. Army which is a \$249ml opportunity to be one of six firms to bid on their work for the next ten years. He touched on the immersion program Chief Baker mentioned. Lastly He provided the current employment numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [17-133](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD H. FITE III AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Rex Jordan, Joe Byrd and David Walkingstick

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-001-18

2. [17-134](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LYNNA CARSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Frankie Hargis and Shawn Crittenden

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-002-18

Executive and Finance Committee

3. [17-139](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-01-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd recognized CNB Board Member Jerry Holderby, Executive Director of the Heritage Center, Dr. Charles Gourd and his sister, Jeannie Pittman who were all in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:33 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on February 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.