



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, October 12, 2015

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

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the September 14th minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Speaker Byrd gave special recognition to the 2016 Miss Cherokee Ja-Li-Si Pittman and the 2016 Jr. Miss Cherokee Madison Whitekiller.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Bill John Baker announced today celebrates Cherokee Leadership Day. A proclamation was signed today recognizing all past and future Cherokee leaders. The Cherokee Warrior Flight was successful in taking eleven WWII and Korean War veterans to Washington D.C. He provided an update on the bison herd as it

continues to grow. The Cherokee Nation will receive over \$8ml from the Department of the Interior as a settlement in the long standing contract support cost case. Our small business assistance center received two federal grants to help Cherokee entrepreneurs get established and grow. The At Large community picnics will be held this weekend in Los Angeles and San Diego. Chief Baker gave an update on the construction here at the complex. The Cherokee Warriors memorial has been taken down due to safety issues but will be replaced with solid marble. This Wednesday will be the dedication of the major expansion of the Wilma P. Mankiller clinic in Stilwell. Chief Baker gave special recognition to the 2016 Cherokee Ambassadors including Miss Cherokee, Jr. Miss Cherokee, the little ambassadors. Lastly Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for all of the Cherokees who we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Veterans Bill W. Horton and brothers Oren Roberts and John Roberts Jr.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the NAHASDA reauthorization. He reported the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Native American Programs, Roger Boyd, has retired and Randy Acres is the interim. The next Housing Authority board meeting will be October 27th. They continue to provide housing assistance to over 6,400 families monthly. This year they assisted 161 college students with housing.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported for Mr. Slaton. He reported on the August financials and commented they have had higher than expected health care cost. They wrote off the outstanding balance sheet for the Roland Casino. He gave an update on the current projects. The recently held art market was a huge success with a total of \$75,000 in prize money given in twenty-two categories. The exterior renovation of the Cherokee Nation Capitol is complete. Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions was recognized as one of the nation's most successful 8A companies by Washington Technology. Cherokee Nation Construction Services is one of the five small businesses supporting a \$25ml contract with the Navy. There are currently 6,405 employees at CNB, 4,699 when the contract and temporary positions are excluded and of these the Cherokee percentage is 73.5%, other natives 8.1% for a total Native American employment of 81.6%. Speaker Byrd commented on the recent return from Inter-Tribal meeting in Durant and requested CNB visit their multi-purpose center for ideas at Cherokee Springs Plaza.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include 3 resolutions passed out of Community Service committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

1. [15-079](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

Speaker Byrd stated the handout is a revision that needs to be considered instead of the one in the packet. Councilor Hargis moved to approve the revised version. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [15-080](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SARA E. HILL AS THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION**

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

Justice Angela Jones performed the swearing in of Sara Hill as our first Secretary of Natural Resources.

3. [15-081](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TOMMYE SUE BRADSHAW WRIGHT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Baker, Anglen and Buzzard opposed and Councilor Garvin abstaining.

- [15-082](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$267,000 OF HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDING FOR FY 2015 TO MATCH THE ICDBG APPLICATION**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Enactment No: R-066-15

[15-083](#)**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR Ch. IX
(4-1-03 Edition) 1003.604 Citizen Participation**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

[15-084](#)**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING OF THE HUD SECTION 8 STANDARDS
FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Austin announced a community meeting in Chelsea at the civic center at 5:00 p.m. on November 3rd.

Councilor Garvin announced a community meeting for District 4 on October 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Three Rivers Health Clinic. He also recognized State Representative Ed Canaday in attendance tonight.

Councilor Crittenden announced a District 8 community meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Bell community building on October 19th.

Councilor Vazquez announced on November 12th in South Coffeyville the Native American Fellowship Inc. will host a District 11 community meeting with a 6:00 p.m. start.

Councilor Walkingstick announced a joint Districts 1,2 and 3 community meeting on October 13th at the Tahlequah fairgrounds.

Councilor Thornton announced the Vian Wolverine cheerleaders placed 3rd in State. The Warner Eagles cheerleaders placed 1st in the State 2A competition. Councilor Warner announced on November 3rd District 6 will have a community meeting at the new Sallisaw Middle School. There are tentative plans for the Nicutt/Belfonte community meeting with a date yet to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:51 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on November 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.