



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, September 16, 2019

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 Buzzard 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 regular session and the special session minutes. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Hoskin Jr. announced they just returned from speaking to Congress asserting our treaty rights as a tribe. He spoke of Kim Teehee as our Delate to the U.S. House of Representatives and how that path might be a long journey. Secretary of Veteran Affairs, S. Joe Crittenden lead the 6th Annual Warrior Flight last week. He gave appreciation to the Council for their support in the Housing, Jobs and Sustainable Communities Act. The announcement was made about the employee pay raises through a minimum wage increase. CNB will also soon announce an increase to their minimum wages. Chief Hoskin signed an Executive Order to engage more with our At

Large Communities.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Joe Crittenden, presented James L. Locut, John L. Locut, Kristy D. Mckie, and Tommy Rayborn with the Cherokee Warrior Veteran Award. Secretary Crittenden commented on the recent Warrior Flight trip.

Chief Hoskin requested a few moments to read a list of those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month and request a moment of silence.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Speaker Byrd read the biography of Norman Fisher a Cherokee citizen who is retiring as our Cherokee County Sheriff. Speaker Byrd, Councilors Nofire and Jordan presented Mr. Fisher with a gift from the Council.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett acknowledged and thanked Shawn Slaton as his predecessor. He reported on the June financials and the non-dividend financial contribution of \$412k. They currently have 7,526 employees and of those positions where preference can be practiced, there is a total Native American employment of 76.4%. He announced they are looking forward to hosting the Council tomorrow morning for orientation at the Hard Rock. The Ft. Gibson casino has been reopened after almost 100 days of closure due to the historic flooding. The celebration of ten years of being a Hard Rock facility is currently happening. He reported on a job fair held at the Hard Rock last week. The CNB employees have partnered with the United Way in Tulsa, 49 CNB employees volunteered over 2,000 hours this year. The American Quarter horses have returned to Cherokee Casino at Will Rogers Downs for twenty-eight races from September 7th through November 9th. A ribbon cutting was held for the opening of the Cherokee Nation History Museum. He offered to answer questions from the report. Speaker Byrd requested an update from Russellville.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

- 1. [19-049](#) **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A CHANGE TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS TO ALLOW NON-INDIANS TO POSSESS AND USE EAGLE FEATHERS FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES**

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

Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Coates requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-044-19

Rules Committee

- 2. [19-053](#) **A RESOLUTION ELECTING JANEES TAYLOR TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

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

Enactment No: R-045-19

- 3. [19-056](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNNA CARSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

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

Councilor Duncan moved to approve with an amendment for the term to be from September to September instead of August to August. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire inquired if Ms. Carson has studied up on 8A contracting. Councilor Crittenden requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

Enactment No: R-046-19

- 4. [19-057](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA O'LEARY AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan, Janees Taylor, Daryl Legg, Keith Austin, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez, E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Dobbins, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh and Joe Byrd

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Duncan offered a friendly amendment to have the term start and end in September instead of August. The motion to approve with the friendly amendment carried with Councilor Coates opposed.

Enactment No: R-047-19

5. [19-062](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES

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

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

Enactment No: R-048-19

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [19-050c](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-14-19

7. [19-050o](#) **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-15-19

8. [19-051](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-16-19

9. [19-052](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 11A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-17-19

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Duncan moved to amend the agenda to include item #10. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[19-080](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019 JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR RENOVATIONS AND OPERATIONS OF THE TAHLEQUAH HOSPITAL AND CLINICS**

Sponsors: Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Janees Taylor, Canaan Duncan, Victoria Vazquez, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, Joe Deere, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Byrd and Mike Dobbins

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

Enactment No: R-049-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates announced At Large community meetings will be held in Texas this weekend.

Councilor Dobbins announced a community meeting on October 7th at the Three Rivers Clinic

Councilor Vazquez announced a community meeting this Thursday in South Coffeyville.

Councilor Patzkowski announced the Washington County Cherokee Association will have an open house on October 3rd in their new community building.

Speaker Byrd recognized CNB Board members, Jerry Holderby and Shaun Shepherd, former Councilor member, Curtis Snell, and UKB Councilor, Jeff Wacoche all in attendance. He gave appreciation to the Council Staff for all they do, Jody Reece, Gayle Miller, Shelli Brittain Coke, Jennifer Kirk, Teddye Snell and Tim Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:46 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.