



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, September 15, 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 6:05 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 16 - 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; Curtis Snell; Janees  
Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Don Garvin

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the August 11th regular session and the August 28th special session minutes as submitted. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Baker gave appreciation to all of the staff involved for the hugely successful Cherokee National Holiday. Ground has been broken in Collinsville for the new casino which will create one hundred new jobs. Plans have been announced for the Cherokee Springs Plaza here in Tahlequah. Plans were also announced for the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Cherokee Outlets which will be a partnership of eighty million dollars. A partnership has been formed with the Gilcrease Museum and the University of Tulsa to fund a forthcoming exhibit focused on Cherokee history.*

*Chief Baker gave special recognition to Tribal Councilor David Walkingstick for being appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to serve on the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education. A moment of silence was requested for a very long list of Cherokees who we have lost over the last month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized veterans Peggy A. Zuber, Gary Craig Daugherty and William Wood.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Fullbright made a motion to amend the agenda to add two resolutions passed out of Resource committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced Mr. Cooper is in Washington trying to obtain NAHASDA funding.*

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

*Mr. Slaton reported on the July financials. They provided an additional \$262,000 in tax collections to the tribe. He provided project updates for the Roland casino, South Coffeyville casino, the Cherokee Outlet, Cherokee Springs Plaza, the clinics and hospital expansions. He commented none of this is possible without the employees and the support of the Chief and Council. Cherokee Nation Entertainment with the support of Cherokee Nation Career Services is hosting a job fair to fill vacancies for the South Coffeyville casino. They are hosting a free eight week Cherokee language course starting September 16th at West Siloam Springs for the first twenty-five people on a first come first serve basis. Currently employed at Cherokee Nation Businesses are 6,156 with 4,621 after excluding the contract and temporary employees. Overall the Cherokee percentage is 72.9% with other Natives at 7.7% and a total Native American employment of 80.6%. Councilor Byrd inquired as to the percentage of Cherokee percentage three years ago. He requested they remain cognizance of the Restaurant of the Cherokees if the convenient store is renovated. Councilor Taylor requested the dollar figure of capital assets and associated debt.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [14-079](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Thornton opposed.**
2. [14-084](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN E. BARRICK AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION  
**Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.**
3. [14-068](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RICKY KELLY AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS  
**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
4. [14-069](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SANDIE TAGGART AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS  
**Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. [14-070](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMI SAMS AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS  
**Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
6. [14-071](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BIRAN HAIL AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
7. [14-072](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CONNIE DAVIS AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS  
**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Fishinghawk requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
8. [14-073](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. ROGER MONTGOMERY AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS  
**Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion.**

The motion carried.

9. [14-059](#) AN ACT AMENDING LA-04-14 THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION CODE TO ADDRESS NOTARY PUBLIC ISSUES AND THE RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested this by acclimation. Councilor Coates requested she be removed as a sponsor of this amendment. She gave an explanation of the situation in California and her concerns. After discussion was held the motion to approve carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.**

Executive and Finance Committee

10. [14-080](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HOUSING REHAB TO DONATE A SURPLUS TRAVEL TRAILER TO ROBERT TAYLOR IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY

**Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

11. [14-081](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS EXERCISE EQUIPMENT TO THE CLAREMORE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SENIOR CENTER

**Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

12. [14-089](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS ON INDIAN LANDS

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**

13. [14-094](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MANAGEMENT RESOURCES TO DONATE 3 SURPLUS FLAGPOLES TO THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OWEN SCHOOL HOUSE IN PARK HILL (CHEROKEE COUNTY)

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd announced on September 27th there would be a community meeting at the Tri-County community building in Eldon.*

*Councilor Vazquez announced tomorrow in South Coffeyville the Native American Fellowship Inc. will host a community meeting.*

*Councilor Walkingstick announced on September 27th the annual Dry Creek Trail Ride will be held with lunch at noon.*

*Councilor Fullbright announced she and Councilor Thornton will host a community meeting on September 30th at Blue Ribbon Downs.*

*Councilor Thornton recognized Sequoyah County Commissioner, Steve Carter and*

*CNB Board member, Dan Carter both in attendance.*

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced the next meeting will be held on October 13th.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:55 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on October 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.