



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Thursday, August 29, 2013

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Session called by Principal Chief Bill John Baker

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - David Walkingstick; 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 Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Absent 1 - Lee Keener Jr.

NEW BUSINESS

Speaker Glory-Jordan stated this is a special meeting called by Principal Chief Bill John Baker for consideration of four (4) items.

1A. [13-112](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Speaker Glory-Jordan stated item 1 is consideration of the budgets for fiscal year 2014. Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to approve with an amendment which has been provided as a handout. The amendments are five (5) donations to Tulsa and Rogers Counties and pertain to charitable contributions accounting unit 1010042 using un-earmarked funds. Councilor Coates seconded the motion.

After some discussion and clarification Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to amend to strike all from the amended list provided with the exception of Will Rogers Park renovation in the amount of \$10,000. Councilor Fishinghawk

seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 11 - David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Nay: 5 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard and Jack D. Baker

Mr. Jody Reece, Tribal Council CPA, requested confirmation the motion is to approve both the operating and capital budgets. The motion to approve the budgets as amended carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - David Walkingstick; 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 Chuck Hoskin Jr.

1A. [13-112](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This matter was approved in toto by the above roll call vote:

Enactment No: LA-21-13

1B. [13-113](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This matter was approved in toto by the above roll call vote:

Enactment No: LA-22-13

2. [13-110](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve Councilor Janelle Fullbright as the Deputy Speaker. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.

Enactment No: R-065-13

3. [13-109](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHARLES T. HOSKIN JR., AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. gave a brief pre-acceptance speech and appreciation to all of those family, friends and colleagues that have helped him along the way.

After numerous comments the motion to approve carried unanimously.

Speaker Glory-Jordan and Council Secretary Fishinghawk presented the newly approved Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. with a shadowbox from the Council in appreciation of his work as a Council member.

Enactment No: R-066-13

4. [13-111](#)

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 11 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested an opinion from the Attorney General or our Council attorney regarding the wording of this item on the memo from the Chief as it doesn't state possible action. Council Attorney Barker Harrold shared her research and opinion. Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Odell stated they could provide a formal opinion at a later date but aren't prepared to at this time. Speaker Glory-Jordan requested a formal opinion be provided at a later date from the Attorney General.

Councilor Lay moved to approve with the attached timeline. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-067-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Glory-Jordan announced Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. and Deputy Speaker Fullbright will be sworn in immediately following adjournment by Justice John Garrett. Refreshments are to follow in the lobby outside of the Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:51 p.m.

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