



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, March 12, 2012

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 5:58 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the February 23rd regular session minutes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hoskin moved to amend the agenda to include six items that passed out of committees earlier today, these items would be new business items 7 through 12. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

*Speaker Glory-Jordan and Deputy Speaker Hoskin Jr. gave recognition to Meredith Frailey for her service as Speaker for the past eight years, Cara Cowan Watts for her service as Deputy Speaker and Todd Hembree for his twelve years of service as the Tribal Council's attorney. Speaker Glory-Jordan introduced the Council's new legal counsel, Dianne Barker Harrold.*

## STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Chief Baker announced they had a good trip to Washington D.C. He met with the four other chiefs and proudly announced they reorganized in full force and affect the Five Civilized Tribes Inter Council. Their first order of business was to ask the Under Secretary of Interior to come and meet with the twenty chiefs in Northeastern Oklahoma. He announced they have pinned another \$84.2ml government contract for the Cherokee Nation. He recognized new hires Connie Davis as the Executive Director of Health, Bruce Davis as the Executive Director of Management Resources and Jody Reese as the Finance Department Controller. Chief Baker talked about the asbestos incident at the Jay Clinic which closed the Clinic from March 2nd through the 5th. He recognized employee Terry Reed for his actions and reporting the potential hazardous asbestos situation with the National Medal of Patriotism. Chief Baker announced the annex has been opened at W. W. Hastings Hospital. The Career Services Summer Youth Employment Program will accept applications through the 27th of April. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens who have passed over the last month. Veterans honored this month were Jerry Knight, Ronnie Troglin and Taylor Roberts.*

## ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

## Housing Authority - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland announced the March Housing Authority Board meeting will be held on the 20th in the Alene Hogner conference room. One of the items of discussion will be the presentation of the 2011 audit. The staff has been working hard to get ready for the construction of new homes. On April 2nd they will begin accepting applications for the new homes. The model homes are close to completion. Amerion will be changing their policy by doing away with the basic policy and only have the deluxe policy for insurance.*

## Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - David Stewart

*Mr. Shawn Slaton reported they made approximately \$7.5ml for the month of December. This year's New Year's Eve was the best for all properties and started a new trend with January and February showing strong results in gaming. The businesses contributed just over \$200,000 to the tribe in tax collection. He provided an update on the three major expansion projects. He announced Todd Gourd has been named President of Mobility Plus and Gary Armstrong has been promoted to the Vice President of Information Systems. Their employees attended the REZ conference and contributed \$20,000 to the Hand of Grace Warehouse. He announced CNI received a 2011 Boeing Performance Excellence Award. He provided a recycling update. They have a current employment of 3,700 with 64.4%*

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*Cherokee and 10.1% other natives for a total of 74.5% Native American employment.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [12-020](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CHEROKEE NATION AND THE BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPLYING FOR AND ADMINISTERING A PROGRAM TO BENEFIT CHEROKEE YOUTH**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-39-12

Resource Committee

2. [12-010](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL TRUST LAND (CMS-39) TO CLARENCE AND DAISY DUNCAN ROW TAH-281 ADAIR COUNTY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-40-12

Rules Committee

3. [12-022](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARTHA CALICO AS A CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts and Keener expressed their reasoning for not being able to support this nomination. Councilors Lay, Fishinghawk, Hargis, Snell, Byrd and Walkingstick requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

**Yea:** 14 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Meredith Frailey;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Julia Coates;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Nay:** 3 - Jack D. Baker;Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts

Enactment No: R-41-12

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4. [12-023](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BILL W. HORTON AS A CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER**
- Councilor Thornton moved to approve and requested to be added as a sponsor. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion and also requested to be added as a sponsor. Councilors Hargis, Snell, Garvin, Byrd, Walkingstick and Fishinghawk also requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-42-12
5. [12-021](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 19 SECTION 21, TITLE 51 SECTION 1 AND TITLE 51 SECTION 11 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED, AND AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 40-07, AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 05-11, DEALING WITH SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Speaker Glory-Jordan stated this changes the word compensation to salary and provides a definition of salary. After discussion was held the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:
- Yea:** 10 - David Thornton, Sr. ;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd
- Nay:** 7 - Buel Anglen;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Meredith Frailey;Lee Keener Jr.;Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates
- Enactment No: LA-10-12
- Executive and Finance Committee
6. [12-026](#)      **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-11-12
7. [12-018](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO GORE PWA**
- Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-43-12
8. [12-044](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR SERVING YOUNG ADULT EX-OFFENDERS THROUGH TRAINING AND SERVICE-LEARNING GRANT**

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

Enactment No: R-44-12

9. [12-029](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 103 FUNDING**

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-45-12

10. [12-042](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT**

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

Enactment No: R-46-12

9. [12-029](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 103 FUNDING**

Speaker Glory-Jordan provided clarification stating the information given with item 9 was incorrect. Councilor Baker made a motion to reconsider. Councilor Frailey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-45-12

11. [12-043](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USEPA OFFICE OF WATER**

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Enactment No: R-47-12

12. [12-045](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OKLAHOMA 4-H TO PARTICIPATE AND ACCEPT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT 4-H PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH**

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

**with no opposition.**

Enactment No: R-48-12

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Cowan Watts commented the work on the Five Tribes Council is very important. She extended congratulations to Chief Baker for being named Vice Chairman. She inquired as to when the first meeting would be held as well as the meeting with Echo Hawk.*

*Chief Baker recognized the students from George Washington University in attendance. They are here on their Spring break volunteering at the Head Start and at the Pace Center.*

*Councilor Walkingstick recognized former Sequoyah High school student and boxer Wes Nofire who is known as the Cherokee Kid.*

*Councilor Byrd introduced his son and also recognized Wes' father Sherman Nofire.*

*Councilor Cowan Watts recognized Deputy Chief Crittenden for all of his hard work at NCAI last week.*

*Speaker Glory-Jordan gave appreciation to all of those in attendance.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:09 p.m.**

**Justice Dowty gave the oath of office to the newly elected Election Commissioners Martha Calico and Bill Horton.**

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