



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Monday, August 22, 2011

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Cara Cowan Watts
Acting Speaker of the Council

Acting Speaker Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Keener gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 13 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Bill John Baker; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the July 11th regular session and the July 12th special session minutes as submitted. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

S. Joe Crittenden
Interim Principal Chief

Interim Principal Chief Joe Crittenden requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee friends and loved ones whom we have lost over the past month. Veterans recognized were former Deputy Chief Joe Grayson Jr., John L. Butler, Michael Rider and Richard Baldrige. In program service updates he announced the Cherokee Nation partnered with Oaks Water Works, the Flintridge Fire Department and Delaware County Rural Water District 11 to find a solution and bring forward a consistent water supply. He reminded everyone of the upcoming special election on

September 24th for the Office of Principal Chief. Early voting is available in the Election Commission office on September 17th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Absentee ballots will be mailed on August 29th and 30th. Voting precincts are currently being finalized and will be announced on August 29th. Cherokee Elder Care celebrated its third year in operation serving as the only native sponsored facility of its kind in the United States. The facility received high marks after a recent review. He announced they are currently finalizing preparations for one of the biggest events of the year the 59th Cherokee National Holiday on September 2nd through the 4th. Sequoyah High School will host their first football scrimmage against Roland on the 26th of August. He welcomed the approximate 500 students from immersion through the twelfth grade. Lastly he announced at approximately 5:00 p.m. today they received a decision from the Supreme Court in regard to the Nash case. He requested Attorney General Hammons provide a brief overview of the decision. Ms. Hammons announced this decision reverses Judge Cripps decision in the District Court. The Supreme Court ruled that because the Cherokee people properly exercised their right to amend their own Constitution that the court could not interfere with that right.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland announced the next board meeting will be held at noon on September 20th. He announced they have been keeping very busy with air conditioning issues. They continue to make improvements on the low rent apartments.

Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart announced all of the companies are doing fairly well. Year to date they are on target. He announced the receipt of a contract with the Department of Defense for approximately \$40ml. He requested Russell Claybrook the division CEO to come forward and give an overview of the contract. They also received a contract with Wal-mart with the first phase being in Pryor. Councilor Snell inquired as to why the construction stopped at the Ft. Gibson casino. Mr. Stewart stated there are mature trees on the land acquired and there is an issue with moving them at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to amend the agenda to include three items passed out of committees earlier today. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [11-087](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A FY2012 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-65-11

2. [11-088](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY2012 FUNDING FOR A LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-66-11

Rules Committee

3. [11-090](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF JIM HUMMINGBIRD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION**

Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-67-11

4. [11-091](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOHN GRITTS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**

Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-68-11

5. [11-093](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARON WRIGHT AS MARSHAL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

Acting Speaker Cowan Watts announced she received a letter from Acting Principal Chief Crittenden to withdrawal these two nominations at this time. Both Attorney General Hammons and Marshal Wright will continue to serve in their positions.

Withdrawn at the request of Chief Crittenden.

6. [11-094](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDRE' DIANE HAMMONS AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**
Withdrawn at the request of Chief Crittenden.
7. [11-096](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SUSAN PLUMB AS CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER**
Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion for approval carried. Ms. Plumb was sworn in as Election Commissioner by Justice Troy Poteete.
Enactment No: R-69-11
8. [11-102](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES; AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRIBAL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION**
Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-64-11
9. [11-105](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - HOMELAND**
Councilor Walkingstick introduced this resolution and requested to be added as a sponsor. Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion for approval carried.
Enactment No: R-70-11
10. [11-106](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO HOUSING APPLICANT**
Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Enactment No: R-71-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Acting Speaker Cowan Watts requested Justice Poteete swear her in so she can officially fulfill Acting Speaker duties. Justice Poteete performed the swearing in of Acting Speaker Cowan Watts.
Acting Speaker Cowan Watts announced the entire ruling regarding the Nash case could be found online at cherokeecourts.org.*

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:48 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.