



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, December 15, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; 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 Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the November 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Bill John Baker gave highlights from the employee Christmas party held last Friday. The dedication was held for the stop light at Sequoyah High School. Wednesday morning the topping out ceremony will be held for the Wilma P. Mankiller Clinic expansion. On Thursday the new Tag Office in Catoosa will be opened at the old Oklahoma welcome center. He gave appreciation to the Council and staff for their efforts in adopting angels from the Cherokee Nation Angel Trees for elders and children. He recognized and congratulated the architects of the newly opened Jack Brown Center for receiving the top award for design excellence from the Eastern

Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for this project. He recognized the staff involved in the Heart of the Nation for their efforts in raising close to \$28,000. He requested a moment of silence for the passing of those citizens whom we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored veterans Wadie Bell, Robert Gene Ketcher and Samuel W. O'field.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include two items passed out of Executive & Finance committee earlier today; An act modifying the comprehensive capital budget and an act amending the comprehensive operating budget for fiscal year 2015. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Speaker Glory Jordan announced Mr. Cooper is unavailable this evening however he was present to report to the Council at committee level earlier today.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave appreciation to the CNB employees for their volunteer efforts. He reported on the October results and gave updates on the current casino/hotel expansions and the health clinics. They celebrated ten years since Oklahoma voters voted in State Questions 712 which allowed the compact with the State of Oklahoma. CNB contributed \$20,000 to help in the CN Angel Tree efforts and along with this contribution the employees adopted over 650 angels. Cherokee Nation Will Rogers Downs recently earned two national awards for its KOA campground. To honor the December 14th birthday of Ned Christie the Cherokee Nation Prison Museum is temporarily showcasing his rifle and gun. The current CNB employment is 6,031 with a Cherokee percentage of 74.7%, other Native Americans at 7.6% for a total Native American employment of 82.3%. Councilor Keener inquired about the plans for the Woodmark building.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-117](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #24-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilors Byrd, Garvin, Cowan Watts, Buzzard, Fullbright and Snell requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried by acclamation.

2. [14-118](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Byrd, Vazquez Garvin, Snell, Cowan Watts, and Buzzard requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates introduced an At Large citizen in attendance from San Diego.

Councilor Buzzard introduced a Delaware county constituent in attendance.

Councilor Cowan Watts wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and New Year.

Councilor Byrd announced tomorrow at 11:30 in the Tribal Council office is our Annual Christmas Social for the employees.

Councilor Taylor announced the Quarterback at Locust Grove was named Gatorade Player of the Year, he is a 4.0 student and a Cherokee citizen.

Councilor Keener wished his Great Aunt, Blanche Gourd a happy 104th birthday.

Speaker Glory Jordan wished all Cherokees a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:39 p.m.

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