



# 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, October 13, 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 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell 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; Don Garvin; Curtis  
Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard and Jack D. Baker

**Absent** 1 - Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the September 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to amend the agenda to add two new business items passed out of Resource committee earlier today and all other new business to prior to the State of the Nation. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [14-087](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY15 FUNDING FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Taylor offered a friendly amendment to change to FY 2015. The friendly was accepted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-064-14

2. [14-088](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-065-14

Rules Committee

3. [14-093](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF T. LUKE BARTEAUX AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilors Fishinghawk, Fullbright and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. After comments and discussion was held the motion to approve carried with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed and Councilor Coates abstaining.

Enactment No: R-066-14

4. [14-091](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KENDRA SUE McGEADY AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Fullbright, Fishinghawk and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. After comments and discussion was held the motion to approve carried with Councilors Keener and Cowan Watts opposed and Coates abstaining.

Enactment No: R-067-14

Executive and Finance Committee

5. [14-092](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Keener requested some clarification. The motion carried by

acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-27-14

6. [14-090A](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - NORTH STREET**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilors Fishinghawk, Lay and Thornton requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-068-14

7. [14-090B](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - REDBIRD CLINIC**

Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Councilors Fishinghawk, Byrd, Glory Jordan, Lay, Snell and Garvin requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-069-14

#### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Bill John Baker announced we received thirty-eight female buffalo in Bull Hollow and should receive ten male next week. He spoke of the recent opportunity to take seven WWII Veterans to the War Memorial in Washington D. C. An expanded Career Service Center has been opened in Pryor and Tulsa Oklahoma. He announced Macy's has increased the number of jobs to 5,000. Our Secretary of State, Chuck Hoskin Jr., along with Councilor Victoria Vazquez recently represented us as a Delegate to the UN World Conference on Indigenous People. The Cherokee Nation Emergency Management Team delivered water to Nowata County to assist them in their time of emergency. He recognized CNB's Director of Safety and Environment, Joe Washam, for volunteerism and his efforts to increase financial literacy among our local students. Chief Baker introduced the new Cherokee Youth Council and requested former Youth Council Member Lisa Trice Turtle to provide a history of the Youth Council. Chief Baker presented Ms. Trice Turtle with a Proclamation recognizing twenty-five years of the Cherokee Tribal Youth Council. Chief Justice Dowty swore in the new Youth Council. Chief Baker requested a moment of silence for those Cherokees who we have lost over the last month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Deputy Principal Chief Joe Crittenden honored Veterans Ray Dean Grass of Mayes County and Robert Johnson of Wagoner County along with the family of the Late Ben Haner of Rogers County.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Monthly Reports:

## Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper reported they have assisted more college students with housing this semester than ever before. He gave an update on the affordable homeowners insurance. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the number of homes anticipated to be complete in the next six months.*

## Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the August financial results. He announced they have closed on the ninety acres north of the golf course in Catoosa. He gave an update on the current projects. He announced the addition of Kimberly Teehee as the Vice President of Special Projects at CNB. In September the Cherokee Nation Industries Employees celebrated the company's 45th anniversary. The 9th Annual Cherokee Art Market was held this past weekend at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. He gave an update on the employee's volunteer work and the number of hours they give. The employment numbers currently with 6,049 total, 4,631 with the contract and temporary excluded and the total Cherokee percentage of 74.1%, other Native 7.6% for a total Native American employment of 81.7%.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*Addressed prior to the State of the Nation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Garvin announced a community meeting next Monday at the Three Rivers Health Center starting at 5:00 p.m.*

*Councilor Cowan Watts announced the Rogers County Cherokee Association Annual Hog Fry will be Saturday, November 8th.*

*Councilor Byrd announced the Cherokee Annual Community Meeting will be on the 21st starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Cherokee Community Building. He introduced Rob Daugherty as the Director of our Community and Cultural Programs.*

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Lay seconded the**

**motion. The motion carried at 7:06 p.m.**

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