



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, June 23, 2016

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

Special Session - REVISED AGENDA TO CHANGE TIME ONLY FROM 11:00 A.M. TO NOON

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay and Rex Jordan

Absent 4 - Harley Buzzard; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield and Bryan Warner

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

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A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED - CIVIL PROCEDURE

Chair Byrd apologized for the late start of this special meeting as they were held up at the event for the Remember the Removal Bike Ride return. Ms. Chirssi Nimmo from the Attorney General's office gave an explanation for the reasoning to update our civil code along with a brief history. She announced a decision has been rendered in the Dollar General Case this morning. The Supreme Court tied 4/4 which means they didn't overturn the 5th Circuit opinion which stands with the tribe winning there. She gave a brief overview of the Dollar General case. She commented this type of situation will arise again at some point in the future therefore the tribes have been encouraged in the wake of this suit to review and update their civil codes. She went through the amendments to the code by section with explanation of the changes. Once she completed the overview by section she offered to answer any questions. Councilor Baker requested clarification or an example in regard to page 2 where it refers to common law. Following more discussion and questions Chair Byrd inquired about the wishes of the Committee in regard to forwarding to Regular Rules today or the July Rules meeting.

Councilor Baker made a motion to table to today's regular Rules committee. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Snell seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:01 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Chrissi Nimmo
Suzanne Drywater
John Paden*

*Chad Harsha
Canaan Duncan
Sharon Swebston*

*John Young
Claud Stover*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold