



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Meredith Frailey, Speaker*

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Monday, September 12, 2011

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Cara Cowan Watts  
Acting Speaker of the Council

**Acting Speaker Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 14 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Bill John Baker; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates and Tina Glory Jordan

**Late Arrival** 1 - David Thornton Sr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the August 12, 2011 special session minutes and the August 22, 2011 regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

S. Joe Crittenden  
Interim Principal Chief

*Interim Principal Chief Crittenden requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee friends and family who have passed over the last month. Veterans Charles R. Johnson, Glenn D. Palone and Otis Green were honored. He announced we had an especially large turnout for the Cherokee National Holiday. The construction of the Cherokee Nation Veteran's Center is moving forward. Native American Farmers are invited to attend a series of meetings held here in the Community Meeting room regarding the Keepseagle vs. USA settlement. A ribbon cutting will take place on*

*September 27th at 10:00 a.m. for our new compressed natural gas station located at the Outpost here at the complex. The precincts have been finalized for the September 24th Principal Chief election and are available at [www.cherokee.org](http://www.cherokee.org). Early walk-in voting at the Election Commission office begins this Saturday and is also available next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Housing Authority - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland announced the next Housing Authority board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20th at noon. The Board will consider moving approximately ten homes from the mortgage program to the lease program. He announced Marvin Jones is retiring this week after being with the tribe since the 80's.*

##### Cherokee Nation Business, Inc - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart reported the June and year-to-date numbers are exceeding last year. He provided an update on the current casino construction projects. They just completed their budget and will present it to their board this month.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution passed out of committee earlier today in regard to a special election for the District 2 Tribal Council vacancy. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Rules Committee

1. [11-107](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JASON SOPER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

**Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Fullbright requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-72-11

2. [11-109](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF LA 16-96, THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, AS AMENDED BY LA 02-03, LA 04-04 AND LA 36-05 INCREASING DIVIDENDS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to table back to Health committee. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

**Yea:** 8 - Buel Anglen;David Thornton Sr. ;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Lee Keener Jr.;Janelle Fullbright;Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates

**Nay:** 7 - Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;Curtis Snell;Bill John Baker;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Jodie Fishinghawk and Tina Glory Jordan

3. [11-050](#) **AN ACT ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NAMING OF BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND ITS ENTITIES**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-18-11

Resource Committee

4. [11-103](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - TILLERY**

Councilor Snell moved to approve in Toto. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-73-11

5. [11-104](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - FIRST STATE**

Councilor Snell moved to approve in Toto. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-74-11

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [11-101](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-19-11

7. [11-108](#)      **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:
- Yea:** 12 - Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Bill John Baker; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts and Tina Glory Jordan
- Nay:** 3 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton Sr. and Julia Coates
- Enactment No: LA-20-11
8. [11-111](#)      **AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-21-11
9. [11-110](#)      **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR COUNCIL PERSON FOR DISTRICT 2 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**
- Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-75-11

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Keener announced At Large citizen, Lanelle Gourd Carney, was given the award of excellence by the Jenks School system.*

*Councilor Walkingstick introduced his Mother Deann Walkingstick.*

*Councilor Bill John Baker reminded everyone of the election on September 24th and encouraged everyone to vote.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on October 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.