



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, October 23, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden gave the State of the Nation in the absence of Chief Baker. He announced Chief Baker is on his way back from the At Large community meetings held over the weekend in California. He congratulated Speaker Byrd for being re-elected as the Eastern Regional Area Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians. Last week a road project was dedicated for \$1.13ml near Sallisaw on Dwight Mission road. The Cherokee National Youth Choir won a Native American music award. An \$800,000 grant was received to build storm shelters at the head start

centers. He commended CNB employees for their volunteer work which enabled them to donate fifty portable defibrillators to area volunteer fire departments. He requested the assistance of Ms. Reva Bruner in the introductions of the 2017-2018 Little Cherokee Ambassadors. Deputy Chief Crittenden read a long list of Cherokees who have passed over the last month then requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Warriors Steven Joseph Bright, George Petit, Johnny Ray Messmore and the late James Messmore.

Miss Cherokee, Madison Whitekiller, was recognized and was given a few moments to address the Council.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett gave a summary of their financial performance, a review of the monthly non-dividend, the financial contributions to the Nation, and a summary of their monthly job statistics. Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions has received an extension on their existing contract. He announced more than thirty employees volunteered to pick up trash along the Illinois River. Speaker Byrd inquired about the success of our businesses obtaining contracts. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the loss in revenue is due to gaming or businesses. Councilor Walkingstick inquired when the loss was first noticed.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Austin made a motion to amend the agenda to include resolutions passed out of committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the new items being #8 and #9.

Rules Committee

1. [17-095](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER GOINS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-066-17

2. [17-096](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBIN MCCLAIN SMITH AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION**

Sponsors: Wanda Hatfield and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Rex Jordan;Bryan Warner ;Keith Austin;E. O. "JR." Smith;Janees Taylor;Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

Nay: 8 - Buel Anglen;David Walkingstick;Dick Lay;Shawn Crittenden;Mike Shambaugh;Mary Baker Shaw;Joe Byrd and Harley Buzzard

Abstain: 1 - Mike Dobbins

Enactment No:

3. [17-097](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAWNENA SQUIRREL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION**

Sponsors: Victoria Vazquez, Bryan Warner and Wanda Hatfield

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Baker Shaw opposed and Councilor Hargis abstaining.

Enactment No: R-067-17

4. [17-098](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BETTY FROGG AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Bryan Warner, Victoria Vazquez, Shawn Crittenden, Mary Baker Shaw and David Walkingstick

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. Councilors Crittenden, Baker Shaw and Walkingstick requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-068-17

5. [17-099](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDDIE MORRISON AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**
- Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez and David Walkingstick
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-069-17
6. [17-100](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JANE OSTI AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM**
- Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez and David Walkingstick
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-070-17
7. [17-101](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDING BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NATIONAL TREASURES OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**
- Sponsors:** Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Dick Lay and Victoria Vazquez
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Hargis abstaining.
- Enactment No: LA-28-17

Executive and Finance Committee

8. [17-103](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Sponsors:** Janees Taylor
- Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
- Enactment No: LA-29-17
9. [17-105](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION'S APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP INTO THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL**
- Sponsors:** Rex Jordan
- Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-071-17

10. [17-104](#) **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE US-75/EW-0290 ROAD INTERSECTION AS A PRIORITY PROJECT FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SAFETY FUNDING**

Sponsors: Dick Lay

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-072-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Crittenden announced he would be having a District 8 community meeting on November 14th at the Mid County Fire Department.

Councilor Dobbins announced a District 4 community meeting this coming Thursday at the Three Rivers Clinic.

Councilor Lay announced a District 12 community meeting on Saturday, October 28th at the Dewey fair grounds.

Councilor Warner announced a community meeting at Roland High School on November 2nd and on November 30th he and Councilor Smith will have a Districts 5 & 6 community meeting at Sallisaw Middle School.

Speaker Byrd announced tomorrow night Districts 1,2, and 3 will have a community meeting at the Tahlequah Community Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:00 p.m.

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