

**RULES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
October 25, 2007
1:00 P.M.**

STANDING COMMITTEE: Rules Committee

COMMITTEE PRESIDED BY: Meredith Frailey, Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meredith Frailey	Buel Anglen	Bill John Baker
Jack D. Baker	Harley Buzzard	Brad Cobb
Julia Coates	Joe Crittenden	Jodie Fishinghawk
Janelle Fullbright	Chuck Hoskin, Jr.	Tina Glory-Jordan
Curtis Snell*	Chris Soap	David Thornton
Cara Cowan Watts*		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Garvin

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Hummingbird	Sharon Swepston	Vicki Hanvey
Diane Hammons	Jim Redcorn	Melanie Knight
Rodney Sumner	Ginger Brown	Melissa Gower
Diane Kelley		

VISITORS:

Raymond Vann	Todd Hembree	Emily Bushyhead
John A. Ketcher	Mitch Thornbrugh	Patrick Hill
Mike Miller	Jennifer Goodvoice	

QUORUM ESTABLISHED: Yes

LEGISLATION: Yes

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CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Frailey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Councilor Soap gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of September 27th regular session. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to move new business before reports. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to accept written reports from Cherokee Nation staff. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Written reports were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Amendment Redress of Grievance re: Former Principal Chief John Ross (Discussion Only). John A. Ketcher stated he has decided this is not the right time to discuss this issue because of the problem of the Freedmen issue before them and they would need to have this come to a head before they continue on. No action needed.

A Legislative Act Relating to the Administering of Individual and Community Assistance Programs; Amending Certain Legislative Acts; Repealing LA#27-07; and Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Cowan Watts withdrew this item and will bring it back at a later date.

An Act Amending Title 19 Section 21, Title 51 Section 1, and Title 51 Section 11 of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated, and Amending Legislative Act 42-03 Dealing with Compensation of Elected Officials and Declaring an Emergency. Todd Hembree stated this is an amendment to the current Act and the changes in the act are as follows: the Citizen's Committee shall convene within the first six (6) months after the election period to make its findings and recommendations and meet every four (4) years thereafter. Recommendation approved under this Act shall not be instituted during current term election. The intent of the legislation is to depoliticize voting the Council a raise.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion for approval. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried with opposition from Councilor Bill John Baker.

Councilor Cobb made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Resolution authorizing Cherokee Nation to donate computer equipment to W.W. Hastings Hospital as item #5 under new business. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Legislative Act Relating to Native American Arts and Crafts.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table this item until the appropriate amended Act is before the committee. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Cherokee Nation to Donate Computer Equipment to W.W. Hastings Hospital.

Councilor Cobb moved for the approval. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to bring the Legislative Act Relating to Native American Arts and Crafts back on the table. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Legislative Act Relating to Native American Arts and Crafts (Cont'd):

Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval of the Act with the amendments. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion.

Todd Hembree the changes change the word "handicraft" to "hand made items", deletes the sentence at the end of section 4b, which reads "For the purpose of this Act only instrumentalities include organizations of which the Cherokee Nation provides a majority of the organization's funding.", rewords section 5c to read as: The Tribal Employment Rights Organization (T.E.R.O.) shall have the duty to certify Indians "that sell Art or Craft. Indian Artist who are sole proprietors may apply for certification and not be charged a fee", and the last change is deleting section F and re-lettering accordingly.

Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment to have the confirmation of the curator to be done by the Council to seek advice from constituency as to the person being brought forth for the position. Council Cowan Watts did not accept the friendly amendment because this is not a political appointed position.

Chair Frailey offered a friendly amendment to have labeling provision included in the Act. Councilor Cowan Watts accepted the friendly amendment and requested Todd Hembree to draft the labeling provision amendment. Councilor Anglen seconded the friendly amendment.

Todd Hembree recommended passing this Act as is and approve a labeling amendment in the Council meeting.

Roll call is as follows:

David Thornton, Sr.	<u>Yea</u>	Chris Soap	<u>Yea</u>
Curtis Snell	<u>Yea</u>	Tina Glory-Jordan	<u>Yea</u>
Chuck Hoskin, Jr.	<u>Yea</u>	Don Garvin	<u>Absent</u>
Janelle Fullbright	<u>Yea</u>	Meredith Frailey	<u>Yea</u>

Jodie Fishinghawk	<u>Yea</u>	Jodie Crittenden	<u>Yea</u>
Brad Cobb	<u>Yea</u>	Julia Coates	<u>Yea</u>
Harley Buzzard	<u>Yea</u>	Jack D. Baker	<u>Yea</u>
Bill John Baker	<u>Yea</u>	Buel Anglen	<u>Yea</u>
Cara Cowan Watts	<u>Yea</u>		

The motion for approval passed by a vote of sixteen (16) yeas; zero (0) nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 29th at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Cobb moved for adjournment. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: Buel Anglen

Minutes attested and concurred by: Meredith Frisley

Date: 11/29/07