



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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5:00 PM

Council Chambers

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 13 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 4 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; David Thornton, Sr. and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the January 12th regular session minutes.
Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker reported the staff is working to gather all of the application and documents needed to maximize the Joint Venture dollars for the health care of the Cherokee people. The Launch of the new "Voices of the Cherokee People" TV show was a success. The new CNG buses are out on the road. Our financial team's rating for bond ability for the tribe is good and stable. Our Communications Department received a National award for Social Media Efforts by a Government Body. The

ribbon cutting for the South Coffeyville casino will be held at the end of this week. He recognized Selser Schaefer Architects, a TERO certified company, for receiving an Industry Design Award for the concept they developed for our Jack Brown Center. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Mitchell Eugene Gwen, Gregory S. Phillips and Dustin Butler as Cherokee Veterans for the month of February.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper was not present to report.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported financially strong months for the businesses in December and a record for January. They contributed \$298,000 in tax collections to the Nation in the month of December. The Board approved the request to adopt the Nation's maternity leave policy. He provided an update on the expansion projects. Cherokee CRC has been recognized for their green building project in Anadarko. He gave an update on the new television series "Voices of the Cherokee People". They currently have 6,026 employees with 4,646 when the contract and temporary employees are excluded. The current Cherokee percentage is 74.3% with 7.7% other Native American and a total Native American employment of 82.1%.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Fullbright moved to amend the agenda to consider new business #5 now. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. [14-122](#) **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCES L. HEAD TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with no opposition.

Resource Committee

1. [15-003](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUSINESS LEASE ON TRUST LAND IN ROGERS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilors Keener, Fullbright and Fishinghawk requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.
2. [15-004](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUSINESS LEASE ON TRUST LAND IN KAY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried with not opposition.

Rules Committee

3. [15-009](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
4. [14-121](#) **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICK SMITH TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve items 4, 6 and 7 in Toto. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
6. [15-006](#) **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNDON EMBERTON TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve items 4, 6 and 7 in Toto. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
7. [15-007](#) **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOE J. HUTCHISON TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve items 4, 6 and 7 in Toto. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
8. [15-008](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND**

**TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2012 RELATING TO THE
STIPEND FOR THE CITIZEN COMMITTEE**

Speaker Glory Jordan requested the amended handout be approved.
Councilor Fullbright moved to approve the revised handout. Councilor Garvin
seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

9. [15-011](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO TRI-COMMUNITY
W.E.B. IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor
Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
10. [15-012](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO INDIAN CAPITAL
TECHNOLOGY CENTER'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM IN
CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor
Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
11. [15-013](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO HULBERT SCHOOL
IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor
Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
12. [15-014](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO GREASY
COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ADAIR COUNTY**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor
Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
13. [15-015](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CHEWEY
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN ADAIR COUNTY**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor
Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
14. [15-016](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CHELSEA BOYS &
GIRLS CLUB IN ROGERS COUNTY**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor
Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
15. [15-017](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SAFENET**

SERVICES ORG. IN ROGERS COUNTY AND MAYES COUNTY

Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

16. [15-018](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

17. [15-019](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR BOARD IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

18. [15-020](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve items 9 through 18 in Toto. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

19. [15-021](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include items 20 through 29 passed out of various committees earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

20. [15-022](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HUMAN SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS FOR YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES AND PREVENTION AND DIVERSION SERVICES**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with no opposition.

21. [15-024](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve the revised handout provided at committee earlier today. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

22. [15-023](#) **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AUTRY NATIONAL CENTER'S "EMPIRE AND LIBERTY; THE CIVIL WAR AND THE WEST" EXHIBIT**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Fullbright requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried with no opposition.
23. [15-025](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - CLINIC IN THE WOODS**
- Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
24. [15-026](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - CASCADE**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
25. [15-010](#) **A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**
- Councilor Fullbright moved to approve the nomination of Jodie Fishinghawk. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Fishinghawk and Keener abstaining.
26. [15-030](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT ENTITLED "THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE MODIFICATION OF 2015"**
- Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Lay made a motion to amend for the new portions only to share their revenue 50/50 with the inside the jurisdiction equally throughout the fourteen county jurisdiction. After discussion was held and clarification was given the motion failed with the lack of a second. The motion to approve carried with Councilors Glory Jordan, Lay and Walkingstick opposed.
27. [15-033](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUORS**
- Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation. Fishinghawk, that this matter be Approved . The motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote
28. [15-031](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #24-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
29. [15-032](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve as amended in committee. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:05 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on March 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.