



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Draft TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, May 16, 2016

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

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Shawn Crittenden; Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 11th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Baker announced at the annual rural firefighter event all 135 rural departments were given checks for \$3,500 to serve their communities however they choose. We recently launched a new website dedicated exclusively to connecting the At Large Cherokees with more information about the Cherokee Nation. Our Kawi Café was named the Educational Program of the Year by the Native American Finance Officers Association. We have partnered with the BIA Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office to put 1,330 acres of land into trust status at Chillocco. In a fight to curb prescription drug abuse the Cherokee Nation collected over 3,000 pills in Wagoner over this past weekend and gave out lock boxes to keep children safe from the drugs. In an effort to be a good partner and improve Northeast Oklahoma and our communities we have

replaced four bridges in Delaware County, opened a playground in Ketchum, a splash pad in Hulbert, dedicated a new road project in Adair County for the Stilwell Industrial Park. A \$10,000 donation was made to the Children of Special Needs Park in Tahlequah. Ground has been broken on a new Archery Park here at the Complex and will be named after World Champion Archer Joe Thornton. He introduced the 2016 Remember the Removal Bike Riders. He requested a moment of silence to remember the long list of Cherokees who we have lost over the past month.

Speaker Byrd requested a moment to acknowledge, Lisa Trice Turtle, who oversees several of our youth programs.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Warriors Glen Owen Dawson, Joe B. Hilderbrand, Ray Gene Jackson, and Donald A. Summers.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper the board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. next Tuesday. He provided statistics of the programs at the Housing Authority. An update was provided on the move of the Rehab department and employees from the Nation to the HACN. As of March 31st they have 254 employees with 95.3% being Cherokee and a total of 98.4% Native American employment. He provided updates from the National American Indian Housing Council Convention held last week.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton congratulated the employees on a great March. He provided the financials for March. They have broken ground on the casino in Grove. The lobby has been redone at Hard Rock along with a new spa and pool area. They are in the planning stages for the Tahlequah clinic. He provided an update on the Outpost #1 project. Mr. Slaton gave the details on the Cultural Tourism 7 day tour from the West to East exploring Cherokee history. The CNE and CNB employees have been volunteering in a state wide initiative to make Oklahoma highways cleaner. The Remember the Removal Bike Rider shirts are available in the gift shops and all proceeds go to support the riders. Volunteers at CNB in support of the American Heart Association were able to help the seniors at Catoosa by assisting them in passing a CPR course. He provided an update on the status of the Cherokee Plaza here in Tahlequah. They currently have 6,514 employees with 72.8% Cherokee, 8% other Native for a total Native American percentage of 80.9%. Councilor Taylor inquired about the renovations at Will Rogers Downs.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [16-038](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VALERIE J. ROGERS AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-037-16

2. [16-039](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF VALERIE J. ROGERS AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)**

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-038-16

3. [16-061](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PAMELA SELLERS AS CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION BOARD COMMISSIONER**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Hargis abstaining. Justice Garrett performed the swearing in of Ms. Sellers.

Enactment No: R-039-16

4. [16-046](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COMMENCE LITIGATION FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST ASSETS**

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

Enactment No: R-040-16

5. [16-025](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LA-04-14 REVISING TITLE 26 ("ELECTIONS") OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve with an amendment to strike EE the definition of term in its entirety. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-12-16

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [16-051](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO 3M FITNESS GYM IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-041-16
7. [16-052](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-042-16
8. [16-053](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BARBER CEMETERY IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-043-16
9. [16-054](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO KATS TRANSIT IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Enactment No: R-044-16
10. [16-055](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO VIAN LITTLE LEAGUE IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
- Councilor Thornton withdrew this resolution.
11. [16-056](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MOFFETT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY**
- Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-045-16

12. [16-057](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH PROGRAM TO DONATE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) TO WESTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATED IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-046-16

13. [16-058](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO DONATE A SURPLUS AMBULANCE TO THE CITY OF WESTVILLE'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-047-16

14. [16-060](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MID-COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ADAIR COUNTY**

Councilor Baker moved to approve items 6-9 and 11-14 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-048-16

15. [16-059](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Enactment No: LA-13-16

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include 7 items passed out of our Resource Committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-049-16

- [16-063](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - COOWEESCOOWEE HEALTH CENTER**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 16-22 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-050-16

16-064**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - WILL ROGERS HEALTH CENTER**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 16-22 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-051-16

16-065**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - CRAIG COUNTY 183.43 ACRES**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 16-22 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-052-16

16-066**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - SKELLY ILLINOIS RIVER 86.3 ACRES**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 16-22 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-053-16

16-067**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - SAM HIDER HEALTH CENTER**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 16-22 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-054-16

16-068**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - VINITA HEALTH CENTER**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve items 16-22 in Toto. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-055-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Baker requested a moment for The Mayor of Westville and their EMS Director to say a few words. They gave appreciation for the recently donated ambulance to their small town.

Councilor Hargis recognized Diane Kelley and the Career Services staff in attendance

Councilor Austin announced the Oologah volunteer firefighters have sent a letter expressing their thanks for the funds recently received. They used the funds to purchase a rescue boat and have already used it twice.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 6:56 p.m.**

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