



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, October 27, 2016

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay;
Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Keith Austin

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the September 12th reconvened session and the September 29th regular session as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl reported a couple of our Marshals are participating in the manhunt of Michael Vance with the U.S. Marshal Task Force. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree announced in November they will be filing the breach of trust litigation. They are in talks with the State of Oklahoma concerning an adult protective services compact or memorandum of agreement for our elderly Cherokees. Mr. Hembree stated they have compiled a complete constitution with the amendments. He commented they are going to create a constitutional pamphlet for everyone. He

announced the Attorney General's office will be located upstairs once the construction is complete. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Garvin inquired about the expiration of the gaming compact. Councilor Buzzard inquired about USDA regulations for donated foods being excluded for towns of a certain population size. If this regulation is true can we do exclusions where our Cherokee citizens can get the donated food. Councilor Crittenden asked about the donations to the politicians on the PAC list and their take on the Standing Rock issues. Chair Byrd requested the future PAC lists include if they are pro or con of our compacts. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the expiration of the Motor Fuels compact and if any changes are expected. Councilor Taylor inquired if the adult protective services agreement will work like ICW. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they are still going to pursue changes of the law where the restricted status is lost once the blood quantum goes under a certain amount.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there are fifteen total requests to date with thirteen of those being FOIA and two are GRA. She provided an update on the status of the website. Councilor Buzzard voiced issues with the difficulty obtaining information and the possibility of reviewing the law in the future.

Election Commission - Brooke Tillison

Ms. Tillison gave an update from the report provided. She announced they would discontinue going to the community meetings as of December 1st due to the 2017 election cycle. Councilor Hargis asked if the commissioners' seat appointed by the commissioners is in hold over status at this time. She also inquired about one of the seats appointed by the Council.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston announced she had emailed the additional reports requested at the last meeting and offered to answer question from those or the written monthly report provided. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the total amount of the motor vehicle tag money for schools. Councilor Taylor commented on how well the online tag renewal works. Ms. Swepston stated there is an issue if you have State Farm which they are working on with the State and the agency. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of veteran's provided in the email she had recently sent.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher was not present to report. Chair Byrd stated she was in Washington D.C.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested an update for the Grove casino.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton reported HR Benefits held their employee health fair yesterday. Chair Byrd inquired if we are doing better at retaining our physicians.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick moved to amend the agenda for discussion and possible action on the just provided resolution regarding the council approval of all charitable donations and surplus equipment of all subsidiaries in the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez raised concern for this being brought forward at the last minute. Councilor Thornton made a motion to table. Mr. Hembree gave clarification that a motion to table was not needed as the resolution isn't on the agenda at this time.

Following an unclear voice vote Chair Byrd requested a show of hand of those in favor of amending the agenda for consideration. With only seven (7) Councilors in favor of amending the motion failed by not reaching a two-thirds majority.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to provide a report and recommendation from the recognition work group. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL RECOGNITION WORK GROUP UPDATE

Councilor Hargis reported the recognition work group met and has agreed to honor Mr. Polecat at the November Council meeting. She gave an overview of the request submitted by Speaker Byrd. She made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Hargis stated a resolution would be provided prior to the Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **16-109** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. JAMES STALLCUP AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH PARTNERS
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion and requested to be added as a sponsor. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. Councilors Lay and Crittenden asked questions of Dr. Stallcup. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:44 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Brooke Tillison</i>	<i>Kelly Myer</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>James Stallcup</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Adam McCreary</i>	<i>Pam Sellers</i>	<i>Martha Calico</i>
<i>Theresa Hart</i>	<i>Carolyn Allen</i>	<i>Harvey Chaffin</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	