



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Tuesday, February 21, 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 Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; 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

Late Arrival 1 - Don Garvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the January 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker announced we broke ground last Friday on the new 469,000 square foot expansion at W. W. Hastings. The Cherokee Nation has filed a lawsuit in conjunction with the State of Oklahoma to stop the burial of toxic waste in Sequoyah County on the Sequoyah Fuels site near Gore. Tomorrow is the annual Cherokee Legislative Day at the State Capitol. A dinner was recently hosted to welcome, SP Foundry, a new company bringing in new jobs to the northern part of the Cherokee Nation. He read a list of Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month and requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Warriors; John Thomas Cripps III, Jessie James Collins and John Paul Atkinson.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton announced the gas is back on at WRD after a small incident. He reported on the tax collections for the month. The remodel at WRD is scheduled to be complete by the end of May. The pool at Hard Rock is currently underway with hopes to open by Memorial Day. The Cultural Tourism Department is hosting a series of classes to teach the art of making traditional pucker toe moccasins. He gave a brief update on the diversified businesses. Grant applications are available for the Spring Education tour for schools. Native American youth are invited to participate in the 2017 Art Market competition and show. They currently have 6,711 employees, 4,795 of those can have preference practiced and of those 73.6% are Cherokee, 6.8% are Native American for a total Native American employment of 80.4%. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

1. [17-001](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

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

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick moved to amend the agenda to add items 15 and 16 under new business passed out of committee earlier today. Councilor Vazquez

seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Committee

2. [17-002](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL DOUBLEHEAD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [17-003](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF STEVEN M. WILSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION
Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [17-004](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CECILEY THOMASON AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION PHOENIX
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. [17-005](#) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE AND AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS, INC.
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay opposed.
6. [17-006](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING THE GUARDIANSHIP CODE
Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
7. [17-007](#) AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION PATERNITY CODE
Councilor Hatfield moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
8. [17-008](#) AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.
9. [17-009](#) AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Executive and Finance Committee

10. [17-014](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE A SURPLUS VEHICLE TO NOWATA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN NOWATA COUNTY

**Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

11. [17-015](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE A SURPLUS VEHICLE TO MUSKOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MUSKOGEE COUNTY

**Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

12. [17-016](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE A SURPLUS VEHICLE TO DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN DELAWARE COUNTY

**Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

13. [17-010](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

14. [17-011](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

15. [17-017](#) A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO ACCEPT THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE - SOUTHERN REGION'S APOLOGY FOR DAMAGES TO A TRAIL OF TEARS SITE IN THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

**Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

16. [17-022](#)

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CHEROKEE NATION'S SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 9 - Joe Byrd;Don Garvin;Curtis Snell;Harley Buzzard;Jack D. Baker;Victoria Vazquez;Buel Anglen;Rex Jordan and David Walkingstick

Nay: 8 - David Thornton, Sr. ;Frankie Hargis ;Janees Taylor;Dick Lay;Bryan Warner ;Shawn Crittenden;Keith Austin and Wanda Hatfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Crittenden announced a benefit will be held March 12th for a Cherokee citizen with health issues.

Councilor Warner reminded everyone of the scholarships being available online March 1st with a deadline of June 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:38 p.m.

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