



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Tuesday, July 10, 2018

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the June 28th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl reported they transported thirteen suicidal patients from Hastings to a mental health facility during the month. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the length of time it takes to transport to a mental health facility. Chair Byrd inquired about the recent cave rescue and if we are prepared for that type of a situation.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Ms. Nimmo reported on the history with the Cherokee Nation of the newly appointed Supreme Court Judge appointed by President Trump.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin didn't have anything new to report.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears gave an update on some of the numbers provided in the report. Councilor Lay requested a copy of the bylaws recently amended. Councilor Walkingstick inquired as to what some of those changes are being proposed. Councilor Buzzard requested the total registered voters be broken down between in jurisdiction and At Large. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if there are any proposed changes to the absentee or voting processes. Chair Byrd inquired if there are any proposed date changes. Councilor Hatfield inquired if consideration was ever given to make the At Large voting process easier. Councilor Crittenden requested confirmation of the Election Day. Councilor Shaw inquired about the ratification of the Constitution and the Constitutional Convention being placed on the ballot.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston provided an update on the handicapped ramp at the Jay tag office. Councilor Austin inquired about any effect the State tobacco tax changes would have on us. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the veteran sales tax exemptions. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about staff shortages at the Jay office. She provided an update on the staffing at the other locations. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the total number of tag offices and their locations. Councilor Lay stated he needed a tag office in his area.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Chair Byrd announced Ms. Ketcher is on travel status and requested she physically report on a quarterly basis from here on out.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird reported the Commission met and discussed the craps and roulette policies. They passed the regulations, internal controls, and CNE's operating policies. They are preparing and training for the new law to go into effect. Councilor Anglen inquired if the card dealers will be share tipping with the roulette dealers. Councilor Buzzard inquired about projected revenue for the dice games.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the storm shelters inspection referred to in the report.

Councilor Lay inquired about the water damage referred to in the election commission report.

Councilor Crittenden requested the dental assistance pay scale and career ladder. Chair Byrd requested an update on the request to expedite the process for substitute teachers when needed at Sequoyah High School.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 10:44 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Marcus Fears
Shannon Buhl
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Joe Crittenden*

*Chrissi Nimmo
Gwen Terrapin
Bill John Baker
Tracy Archer*

*Sharon Swepston
Jamie Hummingbird
Nason Morton*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Harvey Chaffin
Teddy Snell*

Martha Calico

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad