



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, February 18, 2019

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 Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ;
Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins;
Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria
Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

Absent 2 - Keith Austin and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the January 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker

Principal Chief

Principal Chief Bill John Baker gave a health update on his mother. We were awarded a \$6ml grant from the Department of Labor for an Opioid Task Force. The opening of Track 5 Country and Western Venue at the Hard Rock was held. The Cherokee Nation Film Commission was launched. The ground was broken on eight new efficient tiny homes for elders in Hulbert. Vinita Public Schools donated surplus land to the Housing Authority for new home construction for Cherokee families. This Wednesday is the annual Cherokee Nation Legislative Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma City. We

will be hosting the Public School Appreciation Day at Hard Rock on March 1st to give a record breaking distribution to area schools. Chief Baker read a long list of Cherokee citizens who have passed over the past month and then requested a moment of silence.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden honored Veterans Mary A. Gregory and Gary D. Davis with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the first quarter results. He reported on the very successful opening of Track 5. The Cherokee Youth Art Market Competition starts this month. The Cherokee Nation Film Office has been launched to promote film making in Oklahoma. Cultural Tourism is accepting applications for the Spring education tours. They are working with the Special Trustee for American Indians to automate call centers. At the end of November, they had 3,318 Cherokee employees. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [19-001](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FANNIE E. ROBINSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Joe Byrd, Victoria Vazquez, David Walkingstick, Bryan Warner, Canaan Duncan and Shawn Crittenden

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-005-19

2. [19-002](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. STEPHEN JONES AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH PARTNERS**

Sponsors: Mary Baker Shaw, Mike Dobbins and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-006-19

3. [19-003](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHAUN SHEPHERD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor, Bryan Warner, Rex Jordan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez and David Walkingstick

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.

Enactment No: R-007-19

4. [19-004](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF JOHNNIE EARP AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sponsors: Harley Buzzard, Mike Shambaugh, Buel Anglen and David Walkingstick

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded on the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-008-19

5. [19-005](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTY D. MATLOCK AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Wanda Hatfield, Rex Jordan and E. O. "JR." Smith

Councilor Hatfield moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-009-19

Executive and Finance Committee

6. [19-006](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION W. W. HASTINGS HOSPITAL TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO THE NORTHEASTERN HEALTH SYSTEM IN CHEROKEE COUNTY**

Sponsors: Mary Baker Shaw

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-010-19

- 7. [19-007](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: LA-01-19

- 8. [19-008](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-02-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd welcomed new Tribal Councilor for District 7, Canaan Duncan.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:28 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.