



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Joe Byrd, Speaker

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Monday, April 27, 2020

10:30 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

INVOCATION

Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 13 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Harley Buzzard; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Keith Austin

Absent 4 - Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Shawn Crittenden and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Shaw moved to approve the February 10th regular session minutes.

Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include items passed out of committee earlier today with the remote attendance act amendment to be considered immediately following the passage of this motion to amend the agenda. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

[20-025](#)

AN ACT TO ALLOW REMOTE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR MEETINGS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Joe Byrd

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

Enactment No: LA-04-20

ROLL CALL

Speaker Byrd declared events of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the Tribal Council and authorized remote attendance of this meeting. The event of extraordinary circumstances is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic previously declared by the Principal Chief in an emergency disaster declaration dated March 16, 2020.

Councilors Vazquez, Crittenden, Duncan and Coates attended remotely pursuant to the Remote Attendance Act and the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Present 17 - Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Shawn Crittenden; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Joe Deere; Mike Dobbins; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Wes Nofire; Dora Patzkowski; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith and Janees Taylor

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin gave appreciation to the Council for their efforts during this COVID-19 pandemic and legislation considered today.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [20-017](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CLIFTON PETTIT AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF TSUNADELOQUASDI CHEROKEE IMMERSION SCHOOL BOARD**

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, E. O. "JR." Smith and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-014-20

2. [20-018](#) **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE RIGHTS SPECIFIED IN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS RESOLUTION #ABQ-19-012**
- Sponsors:** Julia Coates, Mary Baker Shaw, Keith Austin, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Shawn Crittenden, Joe Deere, Mike Dobbins, Canaan Duncan, Rex Jordan, Daryl Legg, Wes Nofire, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, E. O. "JR." Smith, Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-015-20

3. [20-020](#) **AN ACT REPEALING CHAPTER 7, SECTIONS 61-64 OF TITLE 19 AND CHAPTER 11, SECTIONS 1101-1104 OF TITLE 51 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED**
- Sponsors:** Joe Byrd, Wes Nofire, Joe Deere, Daryl Legg, Canaan Duncan, Dora Patzkowski, Mary Baker Shaw and Mike Shambaugh

Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Councilor Shambaugh requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: LA-05-20

Executive and Finance Committee

4. [20-019](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-06-20

[20-024](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN CONTRACTS**

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Julia Coates, E. O. "JR." Smith, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Keith Austin, Joe Deere, Harley Buzzard and Daryl Legg

Councilor Austin moved to approve the revised version provided in committee. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.

Enactment No: R-016-20

20-023

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS IN THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Sponsors: Canaan Duncan and Victoria Vazquez

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

Enactment No: R-017-20

20-022

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-07-20

20-026

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 8A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Janees Taylor

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

Enactment No: LA-08-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Byrd requested a moment of silence for those tribal members we have lost over the last month.

Speaker Byrd commended the Council for taking care of our constituents and those on the front lines.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:53 a.m.