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**Cherokee Nation Tribal Council
2003/2007 Term
Veto Legislation Tracking**

Meeting	Title (Description)	Sponsor(s)	Bill John Baker	Audra Conner	Joe Crittenden	Jackie Bob Martin	David Thornton, Sr	Phyllis Yargee	Don Garvin	Linda O'Leary	Melvina Shotpouch	Johnny Keener	Meredith Fralley	Cara Cowan Watts	Buel Anglen	Bill Johnson	Chuck Hoskin	Taylor Keen	Jack D. Baker	
LA#18-07	An Act Relating to the Amendment of LA 16-96, the Cherokee Nation General Corporation Act, as Amended by LA 2-03, LA 4-04, and LA 36-05																			
Health Comm	3/12/2007	Joe Crittenden David Thornton	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	-	-	-	Y	
Executive & Finance Comm	3/30/2007		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N		
Council Meeting	4/16/2007		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N		

R#99-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation of a Land Management Lease Agreement for the Cherokee Trails Golf

Council Meeting	10/13/2003		Y	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
No Override Action Taken																				

R#31-06 A Resolution to Invoke the Most Favored Nation Clause of the Cherokee Nation Tobacco Tax Compact

Rules Meeting	3/30/2006	David Thornton	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Council Meeting	4/10/2006		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
No Override Action Taken																				

R#97-06 A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to Article VII Section 13 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution, Providing for the Election of the Office of Attorney General

Rules Meeting	8/31/2006	Linda O'Leary	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y	-	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	
Council Meeting	9/11/2006		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	
VETO-Sustained	12/12/2006	(Motion to sustain the)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

"Y"=Yeay|"N"=Nay|"A"=Abstain|"-"=AbsentorNonmember

Slate Members Math On Disclosure Reports Don't Add Up

Neither has Barbara Dawes Martin running for a Cherokee District 1. Martin does show a \$402.50 amount paid to Turnbull & Associates but the 4 advertisements to date would total three times that amount.

Violations of contributions and expenditures under the election law are one of the more serious crimes within the Cherokee Nation. Candidates could be levied to pay every opposing candidate double the amount of the violation plus be cast out of the election. Penalties even reach contributors who seldom know laws surrounding contributions and expenditures that could double a contributor's donation.

§ 45. Sanctions for Violations of Contribution and Expenditure Requirements and

Prohibitions.

A. Criminal Sanctions. Any candidate or other person who is a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation or a member of any other federally recognized Indian tribe who has violated any requirement or prohibition in Sections 43 and 44 of the Title shall be guilty of a crime.

B. Civil Damages. Any candidate, other person, corporation or other legal entity who or which has knowingly made or accepted a campaign contribution or made a campaign expenditure on behalf of a candidate in violation of Sections 43 and 44 of this Title shall be liable to the Election Commission and to any party whose name appeared on the ballot in opposition to said candidate in the amount of double the value of the unlawful contribution or expenditure. Said damages shall be payable to each plaintiff filing suit in the Cherokee Nation District Court within six months of the final election date, upon a finding of a violation or violations by said Court, plus reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the suit. Reasonable attorneys fees incurred in a suit brought under this Sub-section may be awarded to the defendant if judgment is rendered in defendant's favor.

An Election Commission meeting is scheduled on May 17, at 6:00 where these incidents will be discussed and laws examined. More will be revealed as the light of truth shines ever so brightly into the dark crevices hiding deception and evil inside the Cherokee government.

Do your part in this election to save your grandchildren from having to endure a corrupt Cherokee Nation. Together we can expose and overcome it in the upcoming election. Help your friends and family to be informed. Get them out to the Hog Frys so they can learn first hand about what is going on inside their government. Then make sure they get to the polls! *The sure way for evil to win is if good people sit by and do nothing!*

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Cherokee election is next month

By S.E. RUCKMAN Tulsa World Staff Writer
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Voters will choose a chief, deputy chief and 17 tribal councilors, including two to be elected at-large.

TAHLEQUAH — Cherokee Nation voters will select their chief, deputy chief and councilors in a June 23 tribal election.

Principal Chief Chad Smith of Tahlequah will seek a third term. He is challenged by former Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Justice Stacy Leeds of Tahlequah, tribal election commission officials said.

Deputy Chief Joe Grayson faces Raymond Vann.

Voters will fill all 17 seats on the Tribal Council, including two at-large spots.

The tribe added those two at-large members to the council in 2006, about three years after Cherokee voters approved a new constitution.

The tribe's jurisdictional area is divided into nine districts. Several of those districts have more than one council seat. The seats are for either six-year or four-year terms.

District 1: Incumbent Bill John Baker is facing Barbara Dawes Martens for a seat with a six-year term. The district's second seat, with a four-year term, pits incumbent Audra Smoke-Conner against Tina Glory Jordan, Amon Baker and David Walkingstick.

District 2: Incumbent Joe Crittenden and Rita Bunch are seeking a six-year term. The second seat, with a four-year term, is sought by incumbent Jackie Bob Martin, Bob Leach, Ronnie Joe Hale, Jack Christie and Jodie Fishinghawk.

District 3: Incumbent David Thornton, seeking a seat with a six-year term, is challenged by Sam Ed Bush Jr. Incumbent Phyllis Yargee faces Janelle Lattimore Fullbright for a seat with a four-year term.

District 4: Incumbent Don Garvin faces Mickey Igett.

District 5: Incumbent Melvina Shotpouch is challenged by Harley Buzzard and Susan Lamb Reed for a seat with a four-year term. Incumbent Linda Hughes O'Leary will go against Curtis Snell for a seat with a six-year term.

District 6: Jerry Dale Troglin, Sue Fine and Chris Soap are competing for a seat with a four-year term. The incumbent in the seat

with a six-year term, Meredith Fralley, has no challengers.

District 7: Incumbent Cara Cowan-Watts will face Thelda Rucker Boen.

District 8: Incumbent Buel Anglen and Roy Herman are seeking a seat with a six-year term. The candidates for the second seat, which has a four-year term, are Bradley Cobb and Steven Earley.

District 9: This seat, which has a six-year term, has drawn challengers Rodney Lay and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

At-large seats: The candidates for the seat with a four-year term are Taylor Keen and Julia Coates. The other seat, which has a six-year term, is sought by Jack Baker and Sean Nordwall.

Registered tribal voters can vote in person or absentee. Absentee voting also is permitted in person at the tribe's election office before the election, said Patsy Morton, the Cherokee Nation Election Commission's chairwoman.

The office is at 22116 S. Bald Hill Road in Tahlequah. For additional information and to be sure voters names are on the books they may call the Election Commission offices at 918-458-5899.

Morton said tribal members who want to vote absentee must request absentee ballots. The deadline to apply for ballots for the June 23 election is Friday May 11.

Voters can cast ballots at designated polling places from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 23. A form of identification is required.

Voters must be registered with the tribe and be at least 18. Votes for at-large council seats who miss the absentee request period will be allowed to vote in person at the Election Commission from 9:00AM to 5:00PM on June 19, 20 and 21.

The 2003 general election had 13,914 ballots cast. A runoff election for chief tallied 6,979 votes.

A candidates' forum is slated for 6 p.m. May 17 at Stilwell City Park. The event is hosted by the Adair County Democratic Party.

MY THOUGHTS: Can any candidate running for office use the Cherokees people's money to run for office? by Franklin "ᏍᏉᏰ" McLain Sr.

The answer to this question is **NO!** It appears that several may be doing just that. If they are should we vote for them? The answer is **NO**, we should not vote for them! If they can't obey our Cherokee Laws now. Then why would we want them as district representative at all, we would **NOT!**

But there one that really stands out that is Julia Coates, she is running for At-Large Tribal Councilor.

She has worked for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma history course for several years. Her travel, hotels, meals and other expenses are paid out of Federal and/or Tribal funds. Now is she still using these Federal & Tribal funds for her campaigning for At-Large councilor office? If she is, then that is illegal! The reason this is important, the Cherokee people needs someone representing them that is there to represent them and our Cherokee laws. Not someone that breaks our Cherokee laws before they are elected.

Our Cherokee election laws require any Cherokee running for election office that works for any program, business or commission of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is to resign before running. Ms. Coates did not resign, but provided the election commission a contract that suggested she was not an employee of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Since Coates supports Chief Smith *as his slate councilor*, Chief Smith is paying for much of the slate's campaign. **Coates is a bought & paid for slate candidate** representative of Chief Smith and not for the At-Large Cherokee citizens.

So how can the Cherokee people get justice, when the system is not working correctly and the Cherokee people has no place to go to get justice. Well, we can get justice by **not voting for Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Grayson or any of Chief Smith's SLATE district representatives.**

The 3 branches are to be separate, controlled by no other branch or person because it is unconstitutional & Illegal under Cherokee Laws. The past 4 years has shown us a slate of bought & paid for councilors don't work.

We all know this, you have seen it, I have seen it or mother's, Father's, grandparent's have not only seen it they have felt it too.

Our employees that are Cherokee, we know your working conditions are not good. We (the Cherokee people) know you work very hard under great pressures. But, you need to stand up and say **"I'M MAD AS HELL & I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS ANYMORE!"**

MAKE A CHANGE, VOTE FOR THE GOOD GUYS & GET THE ONES ON SMITH'S SLATE DOWN THE ROAD. We need to rebuild our Nation, we need individuals that will stand up & follow our constitutional laws, not violate them or just pick the ones you want to follow. Power to the people, VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE - MAKE A CHANGE.

"VOTE ON JUNE 23, 2007 - MAKE A CHANGE"