



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Monday, December 16, 2013

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 2 - Janelle Fullbright and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the November 12, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Fishinghawk stated due to the lengthy agenda they would accept the written reports and take questions only.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to what budget pays for the birthday cards sent to citizens turning eighteen and requesting them to register to vote. Chair Fishinghawk requested Ms. Courtney Roark Thompson to attend the meetings from now on. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the process for the dividends and/or contracts from CNB to the tribe. She inquired about CNB providing funds to Career Services for projects. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the status of the funding for the health expansions and the process. Chair Fishinghawk requested Mr. Slaton provide

a memo to the Council regarding the process for funding of the health clinic expansions.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Councilor Keener requested clarification on page 21 of the report pertaining to the \$6ml in investments and joint ventures. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there is any future plans for casinos that aren't currently identified. She inquired about the new vice president recently hired. She asked about the relationship between HWH and Cherokee CRC. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to how they address the businesses with a loss. Lastly she inquired if they are catering some of the Council's community meetings. Councilor Keener inquired about the expenditures at Tahlequah, South Coffeyville and Catoosa referred to on page 3 of the report. Councilor Thornton inquired if they would keep the Sallisaw casino open once Roland is remodeled.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the funding agreement with CNB for economic development. She reported on the Day Work program and announced Job Corp received their five year contract. Councilor Buzzard requested a copy of the Day Work Program and inquired if the participants are drug tested. Councilor Garvin inquired about training for commercial truck driving. Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation for the TERO banquet.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided a schedule for the free income tax preparation beginning in February. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the partnership with Rogers State University as part of their Dream Big Program.

Historical Society - Mike Kelley / Susan Chapman Plumb

No one was present to report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Chair Fishinghawk announced at the recommendation of the TERO certification committee the approval of AM General Builders, LLC needs to be withdrawn for lack of documentation. Councilor Byrd moved to approve as recommended. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece announced there is one addition to the list in the packet for Westville Public Schools for \$500 by Councilor Hargis. Councilor Glory Jordan added Save a Senior at Tahlequah High School for \$500 split between herself and Councilors Byrd

and Walkingstick. She also requested \$500 to the homeless shelter split in the same way. Chair Fishinghawk requested the addition of \$750 to Warpony and \$3,000 to the Democrat Journal. Councilor Taylor moved to approve as amended. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No law enforcement requests were presented.

ROADS

Mr. Reece went over the roads report provided. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece reported three sport team funding requests. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece announced there are no livestock requests this month.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-291](#) DISCUSSION OF THE TERO LAW

Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [13-138](#) AN ACT AMENDING LA-30-12, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"

Chair Fishinghawk announced there has been a chart provided showing the amendments proposed along with an explanation for those amendments. She requested Attorney General Hembree to go over the proposed TERO amendments. Ms. Odell gave an overview of the chart provided.

RECESS

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to recess until 1:15 and commented the PAC meeting would be held immediately following the adjournment of this meeting. The meeting recessed at 12:10.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 1:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 16 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez
- Absent** 1 - Curtis Snell

13-138

AN ACT AMENDING LA-30-12, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"

Ms. Odell continued with her overview of the chart provided. Councilor Lay requested the entire Act be provided with additions and deletions.

After lengthy discussion was held Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to table this item to be placed on the Special Executive & Finance meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14th. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 13-136 AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Reece gave an overview of Mod. 4 as presented. Councilor Keener inquired about the tobacco tax rebate. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve and send to full Council this evening. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting will be on January 14th at 10:00 a.m. and the regular meeting will be January 30th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Sandy Long</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>	<i>Jami Custer</i>
<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Robert Garcia</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shawn Slaton *Larry Horn* *Charles Dry*
Dianne Barker Harrold *George Valliere* *Ollie Starr*