



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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Thursday, April 24, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Co Chair Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 2 - Jack D. Baker and Don Garvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fishinghawk moved to approve the March 27th regular session and the March 27th PAC sub minutes. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Chair Fishinghawk moved to amend the agenda to include Capital Mod 5 as new business item #2. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Fishinghawk commented on 86% of the work going to the TERO vendors. Councilor Vazquez inquired if donation items were still being accepted at the Veteran's Center.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave an overview on the February financials. He gave updates on the clinic projects and reported the hospital is in the final design stages. The Roland casino project is scheduled for a May ground breaking. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Summer Youth program. She announced they would be reallocating some of the Day Work funding to the Summer Youth Program. She provided updates on the job fair held in Catoosa last week. A job fair will be held in West Siloam Springs May 13th. Nine people graduated last Thursday from the 4th Culinary Specialized Training Class. Culinary classes will be held in Pryor and Sallisaw soon. She provided information on the upcoming construction fairs for the Roland casino and the hospital in Tahlequah. The Macy's ground breaking was a success and they have been requested to assist with a vendor fair. They will be moving their office from Cherokee Heights to the industrial park in Pryor. They have been celebrating Disability Month and Administrative Professionals Day. She provided an update on the grants they are currently working on. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight thanked everyone who made it to the Kawi Café open house earlier. She provided menus for the café to everyone and announced a ribbon cutting for the public would be held on May 15th at 1:00. She advised of some HUD 184 loan changes. She offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the traditional games coming up in Oologah. Councilor Byrd commended them for acquiring the grant for the café and suggested housing one within the complex. Councilor Keener inquired how the workers and process works at the café.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece commented an updated list has been provided and Lowery cemetery in District 2 needs to be added. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the addition of Miller and Dry Creek Cemeteries. Councilor Keener moved to approve the updated list provided with the additions. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece commented a list has been provided and an addition of \$1,000 to Westville Public Schools from Councilors Hargis and Fishinghawk. Councilor

Vazquez requested the addition of \$750 to the Vinita Indian Territory Coalition. Councilor Coates agreed to give \$100 to the Heritage Center hog fry and gospel singing for a total of \$1,500 from different Council members. Councilor Lay requested to add \$1,500 to the Noweta Foundation and \$1,500 to the Washington County Cherokee Association. Mr. Reece commented the Sequoyah High School activity fund for \$1,300 needed to added to the list of recommendations. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece commented a list has been provided. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the addition of \$33,000 to the Cherokee County Sheriff's office, \$12,526 to the Hulbert Police Department and \$12,526 to the Tahlequah Police Department all split between herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the Roads report provided and commented on a change Councilor Garvin requested. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece commented a new list has been provided. Councilor Byrd inquired how the process is going with the recent changes. Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece commented there are some applications in at this time but nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-042](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 8b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve the substitute Mod 8a. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the proposed mod. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the Cherokee elder subscriptions. Councilor Keener inquired about the impact to the Day Training Program, the sign on bonus pertaining to the tribal realty leases, and the health I.T. systems. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the approximate cost per Summer Youth worker.

The motion to approve Mod 8a carried by acclamation.

2. [14-045](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 5a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve Capital Mod. 5. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the request. The motion to approve carried by acclamation. All Councilors requested to be included as sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:53 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Lacey Horn</i> | <i>Ginger Brown</i> | <i>Jon Overacker</i> |
| <i>Connie Chandler</i> | <i>Jamie Cole</i> | <i>Diane Kelley</i> |
| <i>Jody Reece</i> | <i>Anna Knight</i> | <i>Ami Sams</i> |
| <i>Connie Davis</i> | | |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| <i>Lisa Long</i> | <i>Gina Olaya</i> | <i>Shawn Slaton</i> |
| <i>Dana Jim</i> | <i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i> | |