



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jack D. Baker, Chair*

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Thursday, September 30, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Fullbright gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey and S. Joe Crittenden

**Late Arrival** 3 - Chuck Hoskin; Jodie Fishinghawk and Tina Glory Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Coates moved to approve the August 26th regular session and the August 26th Donations & Contribution sub committee minutes. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Buzzard moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution to submit a grant application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for the Cherokee Cultural Arts Center and a food distribution center in Collinsville. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a friendly amendment to include her travel request as a new business item as well. The friendly amendment was accepted. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

*Ms. Catcher offered to answer questions from her written report.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart announced July was a great month. CNI has turned the corner with a year to date net income as of August of approximately \$2ml. Most of their work at CNI is focused on implementing the shared service of human resources, accounting and legal in which CNB has. They are looking to acquire several companies. The loan facility is at approximately \$25ml. Councilor Cowan Watts commented it appears the Cherokee employment numbers seem to be slowly moving down. Mr. Stewart stated he would look at the numbers.*

*Councilor Soap made a motion to move into executive session to discuss details on some issues at CNB. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts called point of order and stated it must be stated under the three items allowed within the Constitution. Mr. Stewart commented it would be to discuss legal matters. Councilor Bill John Baker commented legal matters are not one of the items of discussion allowed. The three allowable are moral turpitude, personnel, or the decorum of the audience is such that business can not be conducted. Councilor Soap withdrew his motion.*

*Mr. Stewart commented in regard to the recent lawsuit between Hard Rock Café and Hard Rock Las Vegas there seems to be tension between the two owners of that brand. We are currently on the sidelines and not a defendant. The belief is that all of our processes in regard to Hard Rock Las Vegas are appropriate and proper. He commented he would keep the Council apprised if any changes occur.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley provided a handout of performance measures from 2005 – 2009 as requested last month. Of the three TERO Administrative Appeals, two have been heard with one of those being denied and the other being overturned. The third appeal is currently in the process. She offered to answer questions from her written report.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from her written report.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

**Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the revised list provided. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

**None pending.**

ROADS

**Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Evans provided a handout of grant reports for the month in the amount of \$5.8ml.**

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR AN INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG) APPLICATION FOR THE CHEROKEE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITE IN COLLINSVILLE

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. TRAVEL - COUNCILOR CARA COWAN WATTS

**Councilor Thornton moved to approve the request. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment that all funds left in the elective travel line item for 2010 be carried over to the 2011 Tribal Council funding so that we may fully implement the requirements of our current travel policy. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion carried with Councilor Cowan Watts abstaining.**

**Yea: 0**

**Late Arrival: 3 - Chuck Hoskin; Jodie Fishinghawk and Tina Glory Jordan**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chair Jack D. Baker announced the Donations & Contributions Sub Committee would meet immediately following the conclusion of this meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried at 3:40 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher  
Doug Evans  
Mike Miller*

*Anna Knight  
Diane Kelley*

*Paula Ragsdale  
Jon Overacker*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Dave Stewart  
Todd Hembree  
Shawn Slaton*

*Bob Huffman  
Ollie Starr*

*Gina Olaya  
Charles Dry*