



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Thursday, February 28, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh and Canaan Duncan

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the January 31st regular session minutes. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton requested to waive his time to allow Molly Jarvis to provide a PowerPoint presentation on our Nationwide Recruiting Campaign. Ms. Jarvis gave an overview and background of the effort to expand the network of Cherokee citizens and fill the pipeline with resumes and people who would be potential job applicants in the future.

She followed with the results so far since the campaign was launched in December. Councilor Shaw inquired if the recruitment campaign is only for CNB positions or if it included health positions also. She also inquired if a search organization or firm has been used. Mr. Slaton reported they have had a strong start to the second quarter of the fiscal year. He reported on the contract awards with the businesses. An update was given with the new human resource software. He reported on the opening of Track 5 at the Hard Rock. He invited everyone to the ribbon cutting for Track 5 will be on the 8th of March at 6:30. The expansion at Track 5 includes a multi-purpose room for conventions and other events. They will be refinishing the exterior of the Hard Rock along with renovation of the hotel rooms. The Center Ice Bar is currently closed for renovations. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Vazquez inquired of the entertainment for Track 5 is calendared on the website. Councilor Buzzard requested a handicapped entrance to the food area of the Casino at Grove.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Mr. Jamie Cole reported for Ms. Horn. The auditors are on site. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the TANF program with an approximate yearly award of \$5.5ml per year. They are currently working with HR to get the positions on board needed for the Opioid grant. They received the Job Corp RFP for approximately \$38ml over the next five years. She gave highlights from job fairs for Newk's Eatery and Sofidel paper plant. She congratulated Hunter Palmer on being named one of the 40 Under 40 for Economic Development. Ms. Kelley announced upcoming job fairs for the health department. They are working with CNB on their recruitment as well. She announced she and Mr. Palmer met with the Port Authority of Tulsa and Catoosa and their need to fill positions. She announced they are working on a map of their office locations to provide at the meeting next month. They are expanding in the Sallisaw, Pryor and Tulsa offices. Chair Hatfield inquired about the Re-entry program. Chair Taylor inquired about the statistics of felons going back to crime without our program and with our program. Councilor Buzzard commented more jobs are needed in the rural areas to keep our citizens from having to drive.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She gave an update on the income tax preparation service. They are in full holiday mode. She provided a flyer for the upcoming traditional games. She gave highlights of the rotating gallery in the Spider Gallery within the Cort Mall. Councilor Crittenden inquired if a down payment is required for the Section 184 loan program. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the participation requirements for the rotating gallery. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the ICW cultural art classes and the HUD Ross Grant referred to in the report.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Lay moved to amend the agenda to include 3 surplus equipment donation resolutions. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

An amended list was provided. Councilor Crittenden requested \$500 to the Stilwell First Christian Church, \$250 to the Stilwell Public Library, \$500 to the Jeremiah Foundation, \$250 to the Green Country Dairy Goat Club, and \$300 to Impact Church Westville. Councilor Austin requested \$500 to the American Legion Post 141 Auxiliary. Councilor Vazquez requested \$500 to the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club. Councilor Duncan requested \$250 to the Green Country Dairy Goat Club. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$1,000 split between the Cherokee County districts to the American Cancer Society. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden requested \$13,000 to the Adair County Sheriff's Office, \$6,000 to the Stilwell Police Department, \$6,000 to the Westville Police Department, \$6,000 to the Watts Police Department, and \$3,000 to the Adair County Reserve Coalition. The motion carried.

ROADS

An amended list was provided. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the approval process prior to the meeting. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

A new list was provided. Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-378](#) CAREERS FOR CHEROKEES PRESENTATION by Molly Jarvis

This item was presented during Mr. Shawn Slaton's Cherokee Nation Businesses report.

2. [19-015](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO VIAN PEACE CENTER IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY

Chair Taylor requested the 5 surplus donation resolutions be approved in Toto with a correction to the donation to the Oaks Community to be changed to Delaware County instead of Cherokee County. Councilor Byrd made the motion to approve the 5 donations in Toto as requested. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [19-016](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO MID COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN ADAIR COUNTY

Chair Taylor requested the 5 surplus donation resolutions be approved in Toto with a correction to the donation to the Oaks Community to be changed to Delaware County instead of Cherokee County. Councilor Byrd made the motion to approve the 5 donations in Toto as requested. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [19-012](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 3: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Chair Taylor stated this is for a new tag agency building in Catoosa. Mr. Andy Quetone provided some history of the Catoosa office along with details of the new facility being proposed. Councilor Buzzard raised question regarding the lease of the fireworks stand at this property location. Councilor Crittenden requested a tag office in Stilwell. Councilor Lay requested a tag office in Nowata. Mr. Todd Enlow stated they would work to ensure both the new tag office and the firework lease would both be facilitated on the property.

The motion to approve carried.

5. [19-013](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

6. [19-018](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO OAKS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN DELAWARE COUNTY

Chair Taylor requested the 5 surplus donation resolutions be approved in Toto with a correction to the donation to the Oaks Community to be changed to Delaware County instead of Cherokee County. Councilor Byrd made the motion to approve the 5 donations in Toto as requested. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. [19-019](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO ZION SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY

Chair Taylor requested the 5 surplus donation resolutions be approved in Toto with a correction to the donation to the Oaks Community to be changed to Delaware County instead of Cherokee County. Councilor Byrd made the motion to approve the 5 donations in Toto as requested. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. [19-020](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO NO-WE-TA CHEROKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN NOWATA COUNTY

Chair Taylor requested the 5 surplus donation resolutions be approved in Toto with a correction to the donation to the Oaks Community to be changed to Delaware County instead of Cherokee County. Councilor Byrd made the motion to approve the 5 donations in Toto as requested. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:37 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Andy Quetone</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Suzanne Drywater</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Cliff Powell</i>	<i>Tanya Johnson</i>
<i>Donna Wacoche</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Brian Bigby</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>		