



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith
Austin; Shawn Crittenden and Rex Jordan

Late Arrival 5 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Wanda Hatfield; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and
Bryan Warner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the June 23rd minutes as submitted.
Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave a report on the May financials. He provided an update on the expansion projects. He gave a brief overview of the Arkansas initiative. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Vazquez inquired as to the number of jobs the Grove casino will create. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they had spoken to GRDA in regard to our electricity usage. He also requested clarification on the Roland property improvement referred to in the report.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn gave an update on the external auditors bid by saying BKD was selected. She announced a surplus listing has been provided from the warehouse along with the deadlines for submittal for consideration at the next Executive & Finance

committee meeting. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor inquired about the department budgets all being submitted.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced they would co-host a job fair in Adair County for Schwan's. She along with George Roach provided the Council with the Summer Youth Intern Program shirts. Youth Leadership Day at Talking Leaves is this Friday. She provided an update on some northern projects in the works. Job fairs will be held in September and October for Macy's. She gave an update on the Summer Youth Program. The Work Force office in Tahlequah will be moving to the skill center. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the sewer line in Jay. Chair Taylor gave appreciation for all of the enthusiasm from Ms. Kelley.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Mr. Steven Highers reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. He reported the USDA set planning meeting in Stilwell on page 2 of the report provided has been moved to the third Friday of August. He touched on the new entrepreneur training program being provided. Councilor Vazquez requested the training program be brought to Vinita also. Councilor Warner inquired where the training would be held in Sallisaw. Councilor Crittenden requested Stilwell and Westville also be included.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided. Mr. Reece announced there are 2 additions to the new list – Councilor Snell \$600 to Warpony and Councilor Thornton \$1,000 to Marble City Food Pantry. Councilor Austin requested the addition of \$500 to Tahala cemetery. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as amended. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No new law enforcement requests were submitted.

ROADS

Councilor Baker moved to approve the roads requests. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece stated there are some requests pending but no new requests for approval at this time.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new requests were submitted for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-086](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Baker announced the Goingsnake District Heritage Association will have their annual picnic on Colcord this Saturday.

Councilor Byrd announced the REZ conference is currently being held at the Hard Rock in Tulsa and encouraged everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:31 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Taylor Alsney</i>	<i>Tammy Dry</i>
<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Steven Highers</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Forrest Cox</i>		