



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, March 25, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Shaw attended remotely.

Present 14 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Keith Austin

Late Arrival 3 - Harley Buzzard; Mary Baker Shaw and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the February minutes as submitted. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the financials, their federal contracts and gave an update on gaming in Arkansas. He announced this Saturday the Cherokee Nation Health Services will be providing vaccinations in the Hard Rock parking lot. Mr. Garrett gave an update on their employee health clinic which is expected to open on April 19th. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins inquired when they were planning to restart concerts. Councilor Shaw inquired about the process for lost and found items. Councilor Byrd inquired about advertising with the sports animal. Councilor Buzzard inquired who is giving the vaccines on Saturday at the Hard Rock.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Treasurer Scott provided a handout of the CNB COVID relief fund utilization. She began by giving an overview of her monthly report including the Sovereign Wealth Fund as requested during the meeting last month. She announced they won another award for the popular annual financial report. She offered to answer questions from the regular monthly report. Councilor Byrd inquired how to accommodate the Color Guard financially without giving them tax issues. Councilor Smith commented there is a need for an additional Color/Honor Guard group. Ms. Scott gave an overview of the powerpoint handout breaking down the CNB COVID relief fund utilization. Councilor Duncan inquired how the media production and warehouse is an allowable CRF expenditure. Councilor Nofire inquired who compiled the report and then requested additional information. Numerous comments were made in regard to the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on the plan at Job Corp to ensure a safe environment for the students. She reported on Summer Youth and Leadership programs. She gave an update on the new office in Stilwell, the office move in Pryor, the search for office space in Vinita and Bartlesville. Ms. Kelley announced they may receive approximately \$2ml additional funds for the TANF program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Mr. Stephen Highers offered to answer questions from Ms. Knight's report. Chair Taylor inquired if they would be extending the length of the program to coincide with the new deadline.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Duncan requested \$1,500 to Stilwell Public School softball. Councilor Nofire requested \$1,000 to Drycreek General Baptist Church. Councilor Deere requested \$500 to the City of Collinsville. Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece reported a list of new additions. Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece reported a new addition for Councilor Buzzard. Councilor Buzzard made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

An updated list was provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Taylor announced the new business item referred from Rules to this committee will be item 2 following the budget modification.

1. [21-027](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [21-024](#) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN AUDIT AND THE INVESTIGATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS AND CALLING FOR A FORMAL HEARING BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Councilor Nofire made a motion to approve. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire read into the record a note from the author, Tahlina Nofire Blakested. He announced there is a petition online for citizens to sign as it is the citizens right to know where the money goes. Councilor Duncan requested Treasurer Scott provide an explanation.

Following lengthy discussion Councilor Austin made a motion to table indefinitely. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion.

Following additional discussion Councilor Austin withdrew his motion to table indefinitely. The motion to approve failed by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duncan made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:17 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Glory Jordan
Bryan Warner
Chuck Hoskin Jr

Tralynna Scott
Taralee Montgomery
Sara Hill

Jody Reece
Todd Enlow
Stephen Highers

Remote:
Diane Kelley

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown *Teddy Snell*

Remote:
Chuck Garrett