



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Draft EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Tuesday, December 13, 2016

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Absent 4 - Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr. ; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

Late Arrival 1 - Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the November 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave financial highlights from the first two months of fiscal year 2017. He reported the current projects are winding down. They are closely watching the transition of presidents to determine the impact on our diversified businesses. In regard to gaming they see the growth possibilities outside of our fourteen county jurisdictional area. They are exploring the option of managing other tribe's casinos or companies who are struggling. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the new homes by the West Siloam Springs casino. He requested a time for the Grove casino soft opening on Monday. Councilor Anglen inquired if they have considered convenience stores, like Outpost #1, in other areas. Councilor Crittenden inquired as to the process for CNB building the new homes instead of the Housing Authority. He inquired if they considered any of those homes in the Stilwell area. Councilor Warner

voiced concern of the affordability of the homes for the individuals. Councilor Garvin inquired if he had been approached about getting into the cattle business.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced the bond issuance issued in 2006 used to construct the Muskogee clinic and build the additions for the Nowata and Redbird clinics has been included in the joint venture project. This refinance saves interest and relieves the requirement of the bond issuance calls each year. All of the bonds connected with this have been recalled. She reported on the continuing resolution passed by the Senate and Congress that will take us through the end of April. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the bonds. He inquired when the next surplus inventory list would be available.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on their meeting with CNB in relation to business and economic development projects. She gave some highlights of a potential opportunity with the Tulsa Chamber and a business in the Tulsa/Owasso area. The TERO office point of contacts are, Willard Mounce for all administrative support and Larry Vance will oversee the commercial side of TERO. Councilor Buzzard inquired about Flintco doing trainings.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced Donna Tinnin who managed our Cherokee National Holiday has transferred to CNB. Bailey Wright has been detailed to Ms. Tinnin's former position. She provided an update on the planning initiative for communities in Cherokee, Adair, Delaware and Sequoyah counties. NORA will have a Legislative Reception this year on February 21st. They are going to work with I2E on a special training program for six Cherokees over a three week period. She reported on the loans from last year and the outlook for 2017. Chair Taylor inquired if a follow-up was ever performed on the businesses that are given the small loans. She also inquired if there is training prior to loans given to startup businesses. Councilor Warner gave appreciation to the assistance given in Sequoyah County recently. Councilor Buzzard inquired about foreclosures and the charge off rate for the businesses. He also requested an update on the Jay grant funds for the sewer and road extension.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the TERO certification list provided. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided. Councilor Warner requested the addition of \$500 to the Flute Spring Community Building and \$500 to the Marble City Community Center. Councilor Anglen requested the addition of the Sperry Kiwanis club for \$500. Councilor Jordan requested the donation to DD Etchison United Methodist Church should be split equally between himself and Councilor Walkingstick. Councilor Baker moved to approve with the additions. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided for the law enforcement funding. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

A new roads memo was provided with an overview given by Mr. Reece. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new applications were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-122](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

2. [16-123](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Taylor requested the Council Staff all come forward then presented them with a Christmas gift. She gave appreciation to each staff member for all of their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:44 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>John Paden</i>
<i>Claud Stover</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Cheryl Parish</i>
<i>Mary Hicks</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Adam McCreary</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		