

**EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
May 15, 2007
10:28 A.M.**

STANDING COMMITTEE: Employment Committee

COMMITTEE PRESIDED BY: Audra Smoke Conner, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill John Baker	Cara Cowan Watts	S. Joe Crittenden*
Don Garvin	Buel Anglen	Johnny Keener
Taylor Keen	Jackie Bob Martin	Jack D. Baker
Audra Smoke Conner		

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Phyllis Yargee
Meredith Frailey

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT NOT SERVING ON COMMITTEE:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Kelley	Larry Ketcher	Ben Phillips
Mike Weaver	Shay Smith	Alice Smith

VISITORS:

Steve Deerinwater
Shawn Slaton

QUORUM ESTABLISHED: Yes

LEGISLATION: Yes

MINUTES: See Attached

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Call to Order / Invocation / Roll Call:

Chair Conner called the meeting to order. Councilman Keener gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Jack Baker made a motion to approve the April 17th regular session minutes. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of T.E.R.O. Certifications:

Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve the TERO certifications as submitted. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Larry Ketcher announced the annual TERO conference is set for the week of July 22nd. If anyone is interested please contact the TERO office. The fire dancers returned after fighting fires for 16 days in Georgia. They reported they were refused service at a restaurant for being Indian. The committee requested the name of the establishment.

Reports:

Career Services/Employment:

Ms. Kelley provided a handout for the job fair to be held this Thursday at the Muskogee NSU campus. They will be taking the Watts city council to the AERT plant in Springdale. The staff has been working toward a job fair in West Siloam in July. The GED graduation will be held in the Talking Leaves Job Corp Cafeteria on Monday at 6:30 p.m. They are working with the Health Department on 2 dental assistance programs. They are looking to set up a lab technology class.

Commerce:

Ms. Shay Smith reported in the absence of Anna Knight. She announced there are approximately 50 active participants in the IDA program. They will hold an orientation in Pryor on the 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Arvest Bank for those interested. They held a homeownership class along with the mortgage assistance program participants. The Sequoyah High School SEED participants earned a total of \$1065.00 together. One client was placed in the assumable mortgage program in Sallisaw. There were 3 business plans submitted for approval. There have been 10 tourism community meetings scheduled. The Cherokee Nation Holiday games are in full swing. The traditional games were held in Tahlequah with 200 people in attendance. The June games are scheduled for Catoosa at Rogers Point on the 9th.

CNE TERO:

Mr. Shawn Slaton announced handout of the current projects is being emailed as we speak and will be handed out momentarily. He stated the Roland Travel Plaza opened last Tuesday and is doing well. Once the job is closed out with the general contractor Flintco will move in and take over the site work. They are working on the parking lot at Siloam Springs parking lot. They have lost a weeks work on the Catoosa parking garage due to weather and hope to open in mid June.

CNI TERO:

Mr. Steve Deerinwater reported in the absence of Bryan Collins. He provided a copy of the CNI TERO report. He announced we now have 100% occupancy from the BIA on the Sequoyah High School Gym. The Muskogee clinic is on schedule for September of 2007. The project is 51% complete at this time. The Nowata clinic is estimated to be complete in July of 2007. Sallisaw clinic is scheduled to be open the end of this month.

Old Business:

1. An Act Repealing and Superseding Cherokee Nation Law Regarding Labor and the Employment Rights Ordinance and Declaring an Emergency (Discussion). Council member Cowan Watts made a motion to withdraw this item at this time. Councilman Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Councilman Anglen made a motion to adjourn. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 10:55 a.m.

Approval/Distribution:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: Audra Smoke-Conner

Date: _____