



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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Thursday, March 31, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell;
Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen;
Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Dick Lay and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Shawn Crittenden

Late Arrival 3 - Don Garvin; Rex Jordan and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the February 17th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the January financials. He commented they have seen any affect in gaming with the turn in the oil and gas industry. He gave an update on the construction projects by stating they are working through the punch lists for the clinics. The Jay clinic ribbon cutting will happen in the near future. He gave an update on the new Outpost #1 store and the soon to come fueling stations. The Cherokee Plaza is coming along with a lot of dirt work and two new leases recently signed. Mr. Slaton gave an update on the storm damage at Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the outlet mall. Councilor Warner inquired about the issues with the Redbird Clinic parking lot.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced the Cherokee Nation has a new bank to provide our treasury services. We were previously paying \$65,000 a month to bank and now are only going to pay \$3,000 a month. She wrapped up the FY2015 audit yesterday. The audit was once again clean and the auditors will be present next month for any questions you may have. She reminded everyone the deadline for surplus equipment requests is Monday, the 4th of April. Chair Taylor gave appreciation for the due diligence in securing a new banking facility. Councilor Walkingstick requested additional details about the new banking facility. Councilor Vazquez gave appreciation for the donation of a piece of her mother's pottery.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Stephanie Isaacs reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. She provided a copy of their policy and procedures for the Summer Youth Program. She offered to answer questions from the reports provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced the Kawi Café has received the NAFOA Education Program of the Year award. Chair Taylor inquired if you have to be Native American to participate in the youth entrepreneurship. Councilor Warner inquired if the MAP program could be used in conjunction with the Housing Authority new homes in Vian which are on a higher pay scale.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Jody Reece commented these will now go through the Community Development Group. Chair Taylor requested this consent item be removed from the agenda.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Mr. Reece announced a correction under Councilor Thornton for the Town of Braggs where there are two requests listed and there should only be one. Chair Taylor requested to increase her donation to Verdigris from \$500 to \$1,000. Councilor Vazquez requested to add \$500 for a stomp dance. Councilor Walkingstick requested the addition of \$500 to be split between himself and Councilors Byrd and Jordan to Sequoyah High School. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

A new roads list was provided. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the handout provided. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Reece commented a close eye will need to be kept on the funding for this program as it has become extremely popular.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-041](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE JOINT VENTURE EXPANSION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAHLEQUAH OUTPATIENT FACILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. A confidential memo was provided by the Treasurer. After a few questions the motion to approve carried with no opposition. Councilors Lay, Buzzard, Baker, Thornton, Anglen and Hatfield requested to be added as sponsors.

2. [16-042](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

3. [16-043](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:47 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Jon Smith</i>	<i>Brandy James</i>	<i>Debra Lack</i>
<i>Kim Carroll</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>
<i>Stephanie Issacs</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

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