



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Executive and Finance Committee

Friday, June 29, 2007

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda O'Leary called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilman Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Bill John Baker; Audra Smoke-Conner; S. Joe Crittenden; Jackie Bob Martin; Phyllis Yargee; Don Garvin; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; John F. Keener; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; William G. "Bill" Johnson; Buel Anglen; Charles "Chuck" Hoskin; Taylor Keen and Jack D. Baker

Absent 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Melvina Shotpouch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of the minutes of the June 1st regular session. Councilor Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Secretary-Treasurer Report:
Tamyse Leake

Tamyse Leake reported the format of the financial packet has been redone to make it easier cash for the Council members, programs and departments to understand the analysis they do on each of the accounts. Currently there is \$51 million in cash, cash equivalency, investments, restricted cash, and cash equivalence more than last year. They will be uploading the FY 2008 budgets today getting them ready to submit to Council before the July 31st deadline.

Cherokee Nation Enterprise:
David Stewart

Shawn Slaten reported May was another good month and they exceeded their budget by \$1.2 million. Tonight at 6:00 p.m. they will be opening the parking garage and it will be available for patrons to park in. He gave an update on the Catoosa and travel plaza projects.

Cherokee Nation Industries:
Dennis McLemore

Dennis McLemore reported for period ending April 30th the balance for cash was \$1.8 million, accounts receivable was \$14.8 million, and accounts payable was \$12 million. The line of credit owed to the bank at the time of this report was \$7.9 million but currently it has been paid off due to the CNB infusion and they loan they have with them. Total

income for operations was \$1.8 million. The board changed the fiscal year end to coincide with Cherokee Nation but the year will continue until September 30th. Total sales for the ten (10) month period were \$90 million. Today will be the last day that CNI will be a State Corporation and as of July 31st they will become a tribal entity. This change will go into effect the night they filed the papers in Oklahoma City and there will be no tax consequences as a result of this.

Historical Society:

Carey Tilley

Carey Tilley held their spring fund raising thrust and exceeded their goals. This year is the 40th anniversary for the Ancient Village and they will be having a celebration on Saturday, June 30th, 2007. The Chief and Lieutenant Governor will be speaking at 4:30 p.m. with a hog fry following. The summer performance, "Under the Cherokee Moon" continues on Friday on Saturdays through August 18th.

Cherokee Nation Business:

Callie Catcher

Brad Carson reported CNB has received the final payment from their partners of Cherokee Connex deal of \$1.55 million dollars which winds up their involvement in that particular project and they recover the \$2 million dollars from them as the promissory note contemplated some months ago.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE:

Zella Coldwell	\$600	Councilors Baker/Conner	\$300 ea.
Belfonte/Nicut Com. Building	\$500	Councilor Thornton	
Bell Public School	\$270	Councilor Crittenden	
Carsolowery Fire Department	\$500	Councilor Hoskin	
Fairfield Community Organization	\$500	Councilor Crittenden	
Bowling Springs Fire Department	\$500	Councilor Hoskin	

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS:

Adair County Sheriff's Department	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment
Stilwell Police Department	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment
Westville Police Department	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment
Cherokee Nation Marshal Service	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment

Councilor Martin moved for the approval. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. U. S. Service School Application Fees

Councilor Bill John Baker stated in the Education Committee it was brought to their attention that there were two (2) Cherokee's that were appointed to the military academies and at that time was notified there were initial fees involved to attend. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy fee is \$3000, U.S. Military Academy (West Point) is \$2900, and the U.S.

Naval Academy is \$2500. The Education Committee approved and passed it to the Executive & Finance Committee to put an amount in to cover the two (2) Cherokee's and possibly a third one with and will take care of the rest in the budget hearings.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to put \$10,000 in Education for those U.S. Service Academy fees. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Best of the Best Proposal (Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah)

Councilor Bill John Baker stated the Best of the Best Program will be used to establish a fund in the Boys & Girls Club office, whereby disadvantaged children who excel in certain areas will have the financial support needed to participate in opportunities that will have a positive impact on their lives. Expenses can prevent them from attending such events, and this account will provide assistance where needed. With a donation of \$5000 they can begin this worthwhile program. The Boys & Girls Club also made a request to CNE to bring Mark Spitz to Tahlequah to kick off the Tri-State Swim Clinic in September of this year. He will give a motivational talk to the youth and the city VIP's about swimming as a sport and how it has helped him. He will also talk about the opportunities available to young swimmers, e.g. Scholarships, health issues such as diabetes and asthma. They hope that by bringing Mark Spitz to Tahlequah they can work toward the dream of the community, their team and the Boys & Girls Club in building a Tahlequah Community Health facility consisting of a pool, exercise rooms, game rooms, indoor basketball, and racquet ball. With this facility they will be able to invite the whole community to participate in healthy activities that will result in obvious rewards to everyone. The team is owned and sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah and they will need approximately \$12,000 to cover all expenses. They will be able to earn a return on a good portion of these expenses through the cost of the clinic, sale of merchandise at the clinic.

A motion was made by Co Chair Bill John Baker and seconded by Councilor Audra Smoke-Conner, that this matter be Approved and Forwarded to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 10 - Bill John Baker; Audra Smoke-Conner; S. Joe Crittenden; Jackie Bob Martin; Phyllis Yargee; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; John F. Keener; Charles "Chuck" Hoskin; Taylor Keen and Jack D. Baker

Nay: 5 - Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; William G. "Bill" Johnson and Buel Anglen

3. Water & Sewer (\$150,000)

Councilor Bill John Baker stated this request is to add \$150,000 to the water & sewer due to them being out of funds and this amount should get them to the end of the year for all of their emergencies.

Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Motion carried. This item will be added to budget mod. 9.

4. MFT & MVT Road & Bridge Project Requests for FY2007.

Councilor Hoskin moved to approve the road and bridge project requests as presented in the packet. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-06 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 - MOD 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for approval of mod 9 with the addition of these two budgets as well as the boys & girls club and the water & sewer and forward to full council. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden offered a friendly amendment to also add the service fees for the military academies. Councilor Bill John Baker accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried by acclamation.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to amend the agenda to allow Phil Givens to speak to the committee on a letter the CN Housing Authority received about being in compliance with 24 CFR Part 135 which has to do with the development of regulations. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

- Yea:** 5 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; John F. Keener and Charles "Chuck" Hoskin
- Nay:** 10 - Audra Smoke-Conner; Jackie Bob Martin; Phyllis Yargee; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; William G. "Bill" Johnson; Buel Anglen; Taylor Keen and Jack D. Baker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for July 26th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Johnson moved for adjournment. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tamsye Leake</i>	<i>Diane Hammons</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Nita Wilson</i>	<i>Mike Miller</i>	<i>Rick Kelley</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dennis McLemore</i>	<i>Carey Tilley</i>	<i>Brian Collins</i>
<i>Brad Carson</i>	<i>Chrissy Moore</i>	<i>Phil Givens</i>
<i>Susan Ruckman</i>	<i>Shawn Slaten</i>	

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____