



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jack D. Baker, Chair*

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Thursday, March 31, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the February 24th regular session minutes. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

*Ms. Catcher announced the audit report is out and copies will be delivered shortly. Fitch reaffirmed our credit rating with a stable outlook. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about checks being presented to churches. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a summary of all the grant awards we have received over the last five years that have been closed out and the amount of funds left unexpended at their closure date.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart gave an update on the financials, the upcoming projects and announced Mr. Bryan Collins has resigned his position at CNI. The Telecomm division will be moving out of the Cherokee Nation building in Tahlequah and relocate to Pryor where*

*they will lease/purchase a building. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested to be kept apprised of the situation with these employees. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired at CNI how the bonuses were determined, about an employee manual and the hiring of non natives. She requested a copy of a pie chart that was provided when gaming first began showing where the dividends would distributed. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a job summary by business for each district. Councilor Buzzard questioned the Cherokee employment numbers.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kim Carroll offered to answer questions in the absence of Ms. Kelley. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about the ages for the Summer Youth Program this year.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She provided a flyer for the traditional community games.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Chair Baker introduced the four representatives from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe visiting our TERO Department.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the amended list provided. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*Councilor Thornton moved to approve the amended list provided. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilor Bill John Baker added requests from himself and Councilor Glory-Jordan to the City of Tahlequah, the Cherokee County Sheriff and the Hulbert City Police. Councilor Hoskin Jr. added requests for the Craig County Drug Court and to the Town of South Coffeerville. Mr. Evans reported requests for the Adair County Sheriff, the Stilwell Police Department, Westville Police Department and the Watts Police Department. Councilor Cobb added requests for the City of Ramona Police Department, the Washington County Police Department and the Bartlesville Police Department. Councilor Thornton added a request for the City of Roland.*

**The motion to approve as amended carried.**

##### ROADS

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-044](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion.*

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to move \$72,784 the Council travel carryover to community assistance from the contingency reserve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Bill John Baker; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

**Nay:** 8 - Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates and Meredith Frailey

*Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to eliminate the remaining budget for Cherokee Nation Communications specifically for its advertising line item and contract services line item. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. stated he is appalled as to how this budget is being used for political purposes. He stated good judgment was not used when the timing was determined.*

**After discussion was held the motion failed by the following roll vote.**

**Yea:** 6 - Bill John Baker; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Jodie Fishinghawk; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

**Nay:** 11 - Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates and Meredith Frailey

**Councilor Cowan Watts called for the question. The motion to approve the budget mod as amended carried with Chair Jack D. Baker opposed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:53 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher  
Mike Miller  
Dana Espinal  
Tammy Beaver*

*Doug Evans  
Jon Overacker  
Anna Knight  
Ashley Canoe*

*Paula Ragsdale  
Shay Smith  
Sammye Rusco*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Todd Hembree  
Shawn Slaton  
Jeff Gibson*

*Gina Olaya  
Randy Edge  
Andrew Warrior*

*David Stewart  
David Echo Hawk*