



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair*

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Monday, August 20, 2012

9:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

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### Special Session - Budget Hearings August 20 - 22, 2012

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

#### INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Absent** 2 - Lee Keener Jr. and David Walkingstick

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### TMP-217

#### BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2013 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

*Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve to open discussion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Ms. Horn provided a handout of her power point overview. Upon the completion of her presentation she gave appreciation to those staff that helped with the budget process. She provided handouts for 3 requested adjustments to the proposed FY2013 budget.*

#### RECESS

**After several questions were asked Chair Fishinghawk announced a 10 minutes recess would be taken prior to Mr. Evans giving his budget overview. The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m.**

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 10:38 a.m.

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After clarification from Mr. Bruce Davis regarding the Veterans Center funding Councilor Garvin moved to increase the budget request to \$1.8ml. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment to raise the request to \$2ml to include the landscaping and the content. The proposed content list and landscape list be brought to the Council prior to install. She included in the friendly amendment that any monies not used in this project goes back into the capital reserve budget. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion carried.

*Mr. Evans began his Legislative overview of the FY2013 proposed budget.*

RECESS

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to recess for lunch. The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Absent** 2 - Lee Keener Jr. and David Walkingstick

**Late Arrival** 1 - Buel Anglen

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*Mr. Evans began his overview of the discretionary tabs. Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to add an additional \$7,000 to the William Barnes Child Advocacy Center, Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to match the Delaware County Child Advocacy Agency with \$16,000. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. After some discussion was held and questions were raised both Councilors Hoskin Jr. and Cowan Watts withdrew their motions to allow time for Ms. Ginger Brown to research information.*

*Mr. Evans continued with his overview.*

RECESS

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to recess. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:35 p.m.**

RECONVENE

**Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 3:21 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

- Present** 16 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd
- Absent** 1 - Lee Keener Jr.

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**BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2013 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS**

*Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested the Housing Department and the Education Department come forward for questions.*

**Councilor Lay made a motion to reduce the Office of the Chief budget for contract services to \$100,000. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.**

**Yea:** 9 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk and Dick Lay

**Nay:** 7 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Councilor Coates made a motion to take \$7,500 for each At Large Councilor from line item 1010543 within the Chief's budget for direct mailings and community meetings within Oklahoma, Southern Kansas, Southwest Missouri, and Northwestern Arkansas which are not covered by COTTA. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. After discussion was held the motion Councilor Coates changed her motion for the \$15,000 to come from line item 1013001 under COTTA. After additional discussion was held the motion to approve failed with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 6 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates

**Nay:** 10 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

*Councilor Cowan Watts commented she had her questions answered in regard to the Education Department budget. She asked several questions of the Housing Department.*

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to amend the main motion as follows:**

**-Charitable contributions:**

**\$5,000 increase for Will Rogers Museum**

**\$10,000 contribution to the William Barnes Children Advocacy Center**

- \$20,000 contribution to programs that help the indigent and homeless in the fourteen county and contiguous areas
- \$10,000 contribution for ATEC
- \$36,000 contribution for the Sequoyah home restoration
- Tri-Council \$50,000
- Council mailings \$15,000 increase (\$1,000 per councilor within the fourteen counties)
- New Council orientation \$15,000
- Collinsville Food Distribution Center funding \$50,000
- Natural Resource and Facility maintenance \$50,000
- Sallisaw Creek Park heavy equipment and improvements \$125,000
- Donation to the Post Adjudication Review Board \$10,000
- Donation to the Miracle House in Pryor \$10,000
- Each county fair board within the fourteen counties \$3,000 each (\$42,000 total)
- Cherokee Nation Head Start program \$400,000
- Community Waterlines \$1,000,000
- Decrease Cherokee Heritage Center <\$261,305>
- Decrease Tribal Publications <\$140,050>
- Increase in IDC for Registration \$160,000
- The Markoma Recreation Center will be funded under the compact health dollars rather than tribal discretionary dollars.

Councilor Garvin offered a friendly amendment to increase the Murrow Children's' Home by \$5,000. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment for the Heritage Center and the Tribal Publications to be paid quarterly to allow review fundraising and sales. Both friendly amendments were accepted.

Councilor Hargis seconded the motion to amend and accepted the friendly amendments.

RECESS

After a few questions were asked of the amendment Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested a recess for 10 minutes. The request was granted at 4:10 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 4:32 p.m.

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BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2013 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

*Mr. Evans provided a handout of all amendments made to the proposed budget and gave a line by line recap. He announced there would be two Acts, an operating budget and a capital budget, with the sum equaling \$630,075,448. Councilors Cowan Watts, Glory-Jordan and Byrd gave appreciation for all of the work put into the budget preparation.*

The motion to approve the amendments carried unanimously.

RECESS

*Councilor Lay stated he would like to hear from the Health Department as they are sixty-percent of the budget.*

**Councilor Hoskin requested a recess to allow the Health representative to arrive. The meeting recessed at 4:41 p.m.**

RECONVENE

**Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 4:51 p.m.**

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*Upon the completion of Councilor Lay's questions to the Executive Director of Health Councilor Cowan Watts called for the question on the main motion.*

**The motion to approve the FY2013 budget as amended carried unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:03 p.m.**