



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, April 26, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Keener 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; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the March 29th regular session minutes.

Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the March 29th TERO subcommittee minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Thornton moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution to direct CNB to conduct a feasibility study on the uses of Sallisaw Creek Park.

Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced the comprehensive annual reports are completed and delivered on time. She introduced the auditor from BKD. She offered to answer questions. She announced with the CAFR complete the carryover has been established and will be brought forward in the next mod.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported February results. The capital projects are all on time and on budget. Councilor Walkingstick inquired as to why the financial results are two months behind.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced the summer youth applications end tomorrow. They are working on approximately six different job fairs. She reported several Day Workers have been painting at Blue Ribbon Downs.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Chair Fishinghawk announced it has come to her attention that there are some part time employees who are paid to go to school. She requested a meeting to discuss this issue.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight introduced new employee Stephen Hires and offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Historical Society - Karen Cooper

Ms. Karen Cooper announced they are searching for the next great director of the Historical Society. She gave an overview of the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Ms. Gilliland announced they have issued over \$172,000 in privately donated funds. The college preparatory institute will be held June 17th through the 22nd at Sequoyah High School. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Hoskin Jr. announced he had made a request for a presentation and program overview at the next Education & Culture committee. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a list of those receiving the scholarships this year. She also inquired about the Cherokee Summer Abroad Program. Councilor Baker inquired about the number of At Large scholarships this year. She announced with the ACT prep course this year the scores had an average increase of 4 points across the board. Councilor Keener inquired about the volunteer program.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the TERO certification list handed out. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans reported \$30,000 of the \$50,000 appropriated last month has been obligated this month. An amended list for approval was provided. Councilor Thornton moved to add McCoy cemetery. Councilor Garvin moved to approve as amended. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Evans announced an updated report has been provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if these applications were all in compliance with the new law.

RECESS

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a five minute recess to speak to the Council attorney regarding compliance with the new law. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to recess. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:38 p.m.

RECONVENNE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 3:51 p.m.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Glory-Jordan stated she has reviewed and believes we are in compliance with the Act. She moved to approve to table the Cherokee Nation Foundation request and approve all of the other community assistance requests. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Chair Fishinghawk requested Westville High School \$300 to be split between her and Councilors Snell and Hargis, Grove \$300 to be split between herself and Councilors Snell and Hargis, and \$3,000 to Stilwell public school to be split between herself and Councilors Snell and Hargis. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested \$1,500 to Welch public schools. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-200](#) DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF BACKPACK, NUTRITION AND FOOD PANTRY FUNDING

Councilor Hoskin Jr. gave an update on the program. He voiced some disappointment that Administration wasn't present to answer additional questions. He moved to table. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [12-066](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Evans announced a rider to this mod has been provided. He gave an overview of the rider requested from Administration. He gave an overview of the mod package submitted. Chair Fishinhawk requested information on the new Elders in Need program. Ms. Horn provided background information and answered questions to the best of her ability. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about proposed legislation to authorize the new program. It was recommended a policy be developed setting out the process for establishing a new program in regard to enabling legislation. Concern was voiced for prior knowledge of this new program not being given to the Council as a courtesy. Councilor Cowan Watts raised several questions and requested changes in the policy provided for the Elder Care policy. She raised question as to if the Gaming Commission has been consulted in regard to this possibly being considered a dividend to the citizens. She requested the Council be provided with an electronic copy of the policy. Ms. Horn apologized for a Human Services representative not being present to address concerns. Councilor Thornton inquired as to the jurisdictional boundaries for this program. Councilor Keener inquired if the disabled would be eligible for this program. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the Get out the Vote funds would be expended the same as prior years through a PAC subcommittee. Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion that the funds be expended in the same manner as last year. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Chair Fishinhawk once again voiced disappointed that representatives from Administration were not present to answer questions regarding the different programs. The motion carried. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the un-appropriated revenues. Mr. Evans continued with his review. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve as amended and with the rider. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the new home housing construction budgets. Councilor Glory-Jordan made a request for departmental representatives to be present when submitting budget modifications to answer questions.

The motion to approve the mod carried by acclimation.

3. [12-070](#) A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE USE OF THE SALLISAW CREEK PARK IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
- Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Baker announced the Heritage Center is looking help locating cane fields to complete the ancient village.

Councilor Thornton gave appreciation to Mr. Evans for the job he does especially in regard to the 457 issues.

Mr. Evans reminded everyone the forms in regard to the 457/401k switch are due by Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:45 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>
<i>Kim Gilliland</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jerry Snell</i>
<i>Stephen Hires</i>	<i>Rick Gassaway</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Joel Hauser</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>
<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>
<i>Karen Cooper</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>	