



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Monday, August 19, 2013

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

Special Session - Budget Hearings August 19 - 21, 2013 August 26 - 27, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Hoskin Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 4 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright and David Walkingstick

CONFIRMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor Hargis moved to add Councilors Janees Taylor and Harley Buzzard to this committee. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

TMP-278

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve the budget to enter into discussion. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Treasurer Lacy Horn gave a power point presentation overview of the fiscal year 2014 budget proposal.

RECESS

Upon completion of questions of Marshal Shannon Buhl regarding the Marshal Service budget Chair Hoskin Jr. requested a thirty-minute recess. The meeting recessed at approximately 10:20 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 11:02 a.m.

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BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

Overviews and questions were completed for the Chief's budget, the judicial budget, Boards and Commissions budget, the Attorney General's budget, and the budget for Education.

RECESS

Chair Fishinghawk requested a recess for Lunch. Councilor Walkingstick moved to recess. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:08 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 1:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Janelle Fullbright

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Ms. Connie Davis answered questions regarding the Health budget.

RECESS

Chair Fishinghawk requested a ten-minute break at 2:14 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 2:40 p.m.

TMP-278

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

Ms. Lacy Horn gave an overview of the Financial Resources budget and offered to ask questions. Mr. Ron Qualls offered to answer questions regarding the Community Service proposed budget.

RECESS

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to recess until tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RECONVENE - DAY 2 - AUGUST 20, 2013

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 10:09 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Jack D. Baker; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis and David Thornton, Sr.

Absent 2 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Curtis Snell

Late Arrival 6 - Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

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BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

Mr. Bill Foster began the day with an overview of the Human Resources budget and offered to answer questions. Mr. Bruce Davis gave an overview and offered to answer questions of the Management Resources budget.

RECESS

Chair Fishinghawk requested a ten-minute recess.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 10:54 a.m.

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BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

Chair Fishinghawk requested the Election Commission provide an overview of their budget.

RECESS

After the completion of questions to the Election Commission Chair Fishinghawk request a recess until 1:30 for lunch.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinhawk called the meeting back to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinhawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 3 - Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

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BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

Overviews and questions of the Commerce Group, Human Services, Self-Governance, Registration, Environmental Services, Information Systems, the Tax Commission, Career Services, Gaming Commission and the Cherokee Phoenix were provided.

RECESS

Councilor Glory Jordan requested a twenty-minute recess at 4:45 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinhawk called the meeting back to order at 5:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinhawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

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BUDGET HEARINGS - FY 2014 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING / CAPITAL BUDGETS

Councilor Glory Jordan gave appreciation to Mr. Reece for the time and effort he put in his overview of the Chief's budget proposal.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered a friendly amendment to reduce the Gaming Commission budget by \$430,000, increase the Landfill budget by \$850,000, and additional \$50,000 to the Jurisdictional Outreach Efforts, \$50,000 increase to the Election Commission budget, a \$325,000 increase to Charitable Contributions with the following projects identified: District 5 improvement projects, District 6 improvement projects, Murrow Home, Connor State College fund, Adair County Improvement projects, District 9 improvement projects, District 10 improvement projects, Markoma Walking Trail, Boudnoit Athletic Court, Hulbert Improvement projects, Highway 20 Bike Trail, District 12 improvement projects, and Vinita Public Parks Improvement projects. Additionally from Chairtable Contributions \$5,000 to Native American Fellowship Incorporated Veteran's memorial project, \$5,000 to Warpony Inc., and \$1,000 to the Vinita Indian Territory Coalition. He requested Mr.

Reece go over the reductions as requested. Mr. Reece announced he and Treasurer Horn identified 1010306 Facilities Improvements for \$600,000, 1010310 IDC Shortfall for \$300,000, 1010480 Employee Incentives for \$200,000, and 1010145 Marshal Service will be used to balance these initiatives with DOI carryover. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the Charitable Contributions \$325,000 and the projects given.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. withdrew his friendly amendment and restated as a regular motion. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.

Councilor Cowan Watts called for division.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to reduce the Gaming Commission budget by \$430,000. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The carried by the following roll call vote:

Yea: 15 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Nay: 2 - Cara Cowan Watts and Lee Keener Jr.

Councilor Byrd moved to increase in the Landfill budget by \$850,000. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yea: 17 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the motion for accounting unit 1010579 - In Jurisdiction Outreach to increase by \$50,000. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the motion for accounting unit 1010360 – The Election Commission to increase by \$50,000. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the motion for accounting unit 1010042 – Charitable Contributions to increase by \$325,000 for the district projects earlier identified. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Keener offered a friendly amendment to add the Will Rogers Park project in the amount of \$10,000. The friendly was not accepted.

The motion to approve the motion for accounting unit 1010042 – Charitable Contributions to increase by \$325,000 for the district projects earlier identified carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 16 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Nay: 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve in Toto accounting unit 1010042 Charitable Contributions - \$5,000 to Native American Fellowship Incorporated Veteran's memorial project, \$5,000 to Warpony Inc., and \$1,000 to the Vinita Indian Territory Coalition. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion

carried by acclimation.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the reduction items listed earlier. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Baker called for division on the Heritage Center item.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the reduction in accounting unit 1010220 - Historical Society budget by \$76,000. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. After discussion was held the motion to reduce carried by the following roll call vote:

Yea: 10 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Nay: 7 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard and Joe Byrd

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the other reductions identified by Mr. Reece earlier most of which will be reconsidered at carryover time. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yea: 17 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Chair Fishinghawk stated a vote now is needed to pass the entire budgets as amended. Councilor Cowan Watts called for the question. The motion to approve carried by acclimation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:48 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Pat Gwin</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Gaylon Thompson</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Ashley Cance</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>
<i>Jamie Clinton</i>	<i>Linda O'Leary</i>	<i>Justin Godwin</i>
<i>Bill Foster</i>	<i>G.V. Gulgar</i>	<i>Ginger Brown</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Lindsay Earls</i>
<i>Penny Noiseworthy</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>George Roach</i>
<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Jon James</i>	<i>Courtney Roark Thompson</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shaun Shepherd
Gary Cooper

Fan Robinson
Lou Ann Collins

Larry Horn
Dianne Barker Harrold