



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, October 29, 2020

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Coates, Duncan, Shaw and Vazquez attended by remote.

Present 15 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Mike Shambaugh and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve the September regular session and the PAC Sub minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Chair Taylor announced CNB is currently in their yearend close therefore their financial reports aren't ready. Mr. Garrett provided a general update with the gaming and hospitality business as well as the federal contracts recently obtained. Councilor Dobbins commented on the Chickasaws announced two new gaming facilities and inquired if CNB sees any additional gaming opportunities in our jurisdiction. Councilor Nofire requested as update on gaming in Arkansas. He suggested venturing out into state park and/or resort type ventures.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Ms. Scott gave an update from the report provided. She stated they are looking for funding sources to cover cost associated with the increased needs of the Marshal Service and the Attorney General due to the McGirt decision. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on a FOIA request he submitted. Councilor Deere requested clarification for organizations who have received grant funding due to COVID and audit requests.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they have been working to get out the disability crisis checks in the first of December. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the disabled have to have an email address. They received four new Re-Entry grants this year. She reported they will soon have a Re-entry Grant officer at each field office. The TERO Banquet will be virtual this year. Elder Care at the PACE facility will get donations for Christmas again this year even though there isn't a TERO golf tournament. In regard to Tribal Economic Development she reported on the upcoming virtual job fairs. She gave highlights from the ribbon cutting in Stilwell and the ground breaking in Sallisaw. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Summer Youth participants. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Chair Taylor requested clarification of ownership on one of the TERO certifications. On page 2 of the certifications list IVA AL Solutions LLC.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Mr. Reece stated additional items have been requested as follows from Councilor Legg Sequoyah County Cancer Support for \$500, Sequoyah Public Schools for \$1,000. Councilor Buzzard requested \$750 for Heavens House Inc., \$500 to Ribbon Baptist Church, \$500 to Sole Harbor Ministry, \$500 to Cross Roads Church, \$800 to Eucha Indian Organization, \$550 to Pine Ridge Baptist Church, \$500 to Hillside Baptist Church, \$500 to Jay Chamber of Commerce, \$500 to Delaware County Community Partnership, \$750 to Grand Lake Community Ministry, and \$500 to Cooyah Baptist Church. Councilor Crittenden requested \$2000 to Maryetta school, \$1,500 to Stilwell elementary, \$2,000 to Westville school, \$2,000 to Dahlongah school, \$2,000 to Bell school, \$1,500 to Peavine school Indian Heritage and \$2,000 to Peavine school Christmas fund. Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece added the following: For Councilors Byrd and Nofire they are both giving \$22,500 out of motor fuel tax for Park Hill Road. Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

No new applications were submitted.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Presented for review.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [20-074](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 16-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 1: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [20-075](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:59 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jody Reece

Taralee Montgomery

Todd Enlow

Remote:

Debra Lack

Willard Mounce

Tralynna Scott

Diane Kelley

Shay Smith

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell

Remote:

Chuck Garrett