



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, March 29, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Bryan Warner; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the February 22nd minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton provided bath bombs to the Council that they produce for a company in California. He reported on the financials for the companies. He reported on the projects including the Cherokee Plaza and the Sprung structure. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden requested a meeting with Mr. Slaton. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the Cherokee Nation Treasurer has access to the CNB and entities financials including net revenues. He expressed to Mr. Slaton his frustrations with getting an answer to his GRA request. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the salary of the CNB board members.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported the FY2017 Financial Statement Audit was completed today and will be delivered to the Council hopefully today. The single audit will be completed in four to six weeks. She stated the federal budget for the rest of this fiscal year looks really great. They will begin the FY2019 budget process in a few weeks. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden voiced concern for the support staff at the Immersion school and Sequoyah for not being included in the raises. Councilor Baker Shaw requested a feasibility study for the Heritage Center as they are in need of a renovation. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the status of the TYPO funds.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on the job fair held today in Pryor with Key Maintenance. A Safety Fair will be held on April 20th at One Fire Field. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Warner stated he would be contacting Ms. Kelley for assistance with a job fair for a Sallisaw company. Councilor Baker Shaw gave appreciation for the information given in regard to the surgery tech program. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is a need to re-activate a heavy equipment training program. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the building trades program.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported the free income tax preparation ends on April 10th. Their youth entrepreneur day is scheduled for April 24th in Tahlequah and April 26th in Claremore. They have partnered with TERO to hold business planning competitions for the schools. The NORA Education Summit is scheduled for April 17th in Pryor. She highlighted from the report that since 2010 they have made almost \$13ml in loans to small businesses which has created or retained almost 1,300 jobs. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor inquired if she had preliminary numbers for the VITA program.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Chair Taylor requested Limestone Construction be included in the approvals this month as it was inadvertently left off of the renewal list. Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve with the addition of Limestone Construction. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Taylor commented a new list has been provided. Mr. Reece stated there are additions to the new list. \$1,500 split with the three Cherokee County Councilors to the Tahlequah Save A Senior and \$300 to the Tahlequah Round up club also split by the three Cherokee County Councilors. Councilor Jordan requested \$1,000 to the Okay Conservation Organization. Councilor Crittenden requested \$500 to the New Life Church. Councilor Austin requested \$500 to the Chelsea American Legion, \$500 to Tahlala American Legion and \$600 to the Claremore Legion Auxiliary. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$1,000 to the Drycreek Community Building. Councilor Hargis

moved to approve as revised. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

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

ROADS

Mr. Reece reported on the addition to the roads report and the revision submitted. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-020](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS RIFLES TO SEQUOYAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Councilor Warner made a motion to approve items 1 through 3 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [18-021](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS BULLET PROOF VESTS TO MULDROW POLICE DEPARTMENT SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Warner made a motion to approve items 1 through 3 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [18-024](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. IN NOWATA COUNTY
Councilor Warner made a motion to approve items 1 through 3 in Toto. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [18-022](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried by acclamation.**

5. [18-023](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE
COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 7; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried by acclamation.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Walkingstick requested direction on how our Treasurer can retrieve
financials for CNE, CNI and CNB and possibly to form a work group. Following
discussion Chair Taylor suggested researching the corporation act and then forming a
work group if needed.*

*Councilor Hatfield gave appreciation for everyone being there for her during her
husband's illness and recent passing.*

Councilor Austin recognized it as being Councilor Hatfield's birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the
motion. The motion carried at 3:52 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>
<i>Justin Godwin</i>	<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Linda O'Leary</i>
<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>	<i>Chris Sams</i>
<i>Debra Lack</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>George Roach</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Ginger Reeves</i>	<i>Mary Hicks</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
<i>Phyllis Lay</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>	