



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, August 29, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the July regular session minutes.
Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Slaton announced he is reporting for Chuck Garrett as they have switched positions, he is now the CFO and Mr. Garrett is now the CEO. He reflected on this time as CEO. Mr. Slaton reported on the financials, the flood, reopening of the Ft. Gibson casino, and the Saline Courthouse caretakers home. Updates were given on the construction at the Hastings outpatient clinic, the medical school, the Mankiller clinic, the Hard Rock exterior renovation, and the storm shelters. He announced Cherokee Nation Businesses received an exclusive Resolution of support from the Pope County court in Arkansas. Mr. Slaton gave an overview of what the resolution reflects and the timeline of the process with the application that has been made to the Racing Commission. Following additional questions regarding racing in Arkansas Councilor Smith requested the Trail of Tears signs in Arkansas. Councilor Buzzard commented on the newly opened Cherokee Courthouse museum. He relayed the

message of the people in the Grove area wanting a hotel, convention center and steakhouse at our Grove casino.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott / Jamie Cole

Mr. Jamie Cole announced they are busy processing orders for the upcoming Cherokee National Holiday and gearing up for the FY19 yearend process. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley welcomed all of the new and returning Council. She reported on the Council orientation tours just held and the next one scheduled for the 17th at the Hard Rock. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Austin requested information on the reverse job fair coming in Rogers County be given to the Council.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Chair Taylor stated we are running very short on time and requested the Commerce report stand unless there are any questions.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Taylor requested a correction to the Locust Grove Arts from \$1,000 to \$2,500. She requested \$250 from her and \$265 from Councilor Austin to Emanuel Baptist. Chair Taylor also requested \$397 to the Locust Grove Roundup Club and \$500 to the RSU Foundation. Councilor Crittenden requested \$590 to the Jeremiah Foundation. Mr. Reece announced there is one more month to spend the funds. Councilor Byrd requested \$500 to each church he usually funds. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as amended. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden requested \$1,500 to the Adair County Sheriff Department. Mr. Reece announced the Law Enforcement funding does carryover. Councilor Shambaugh requested \$5,000 to West Siloam. The motion carried.

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-051](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

2. [19-052](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 11A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Chair Taylor stated this is a substitute mod 11a. Mr. Reece gave a brief overview and clarity for the substitute. The motion carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:53 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>
<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>	<i>ShaySmith</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Suzanne Drywater</i>
<i>Debra Lack</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Rachel Fore</i>	<i>Lou Stretch</i>
<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell
Shawn Slaton

Tim Brown

Nate Young