



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack D. Baker, Chair

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Thursday, July 28, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 2 - Bradley Cobb and Chris Soap

Late Arrival 3 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk and Meredith Frailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the June 30th regular session minutes.
Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

Ms. Catcher offered to answer questions from her written report. She announced the FY2012 budgets will be delivered tomorrow.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart reported the net income is holding similar to last year. The priorities from the management standpoint are the four construction projects in process. Preliminary budget estimates have been given to Ms. Catcher. A summary of their Cherokee Citizen Development program was provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced the Day Work Training Program will start enrolling in Sallisaw within the next few weeks. The Job Corp Corporate review will be held next week. Basic computer classes will be held during the month of August at four of the Resource Centers. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a review to see if TERO and/or Indian Preference were used by the Marshal Service in the two sole source contracts.

Commerce - Anna Knight

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

Historical Society - Carey Tilley

Mr. Tilley announced their Village Supervisor, Tommy Wildcat, received an award for the Outstanding Supervisor of the Year from the Career Services for his work with the youth. He included in his report an appendix of some visitor comments. He offered to answer questions from the written report.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Ms. Gilliland gave an overview of the report and audit she provided. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the amended list provided. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the amended list provided. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to give the balance of District 9 funds to Noweta Cherokee Foundation. Mr. Evans announced a correction for the Redbird Smith Ceremonial Grounds should be Councilor Fullbright and not Councilor Fishinghawk. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the amended list provided. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion with a clarification that the Inola Police Department funds are for a generator. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the amended list. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-173](#) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BATTLE OF CABIN CREEK LAND

Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested discussion regarding the decision not to purchase. Ms. Ragsdale commented she would have to follow up with the Management Resource Group.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-095](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve with additions. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Coates made a motion to amend the budget mod to direct the Speaker of the Council to contract with an independent media review company, The Red Hummingbird Media Corporation, to do an independent review of the Phoenix's reporting of this election from September 1 through January 25th of this year. This motion would request the use of Tribal Council funds for this endeavor. An estimate has been provided not to exceed \$12,800. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilor Bill John Baker questioned how this is tied to the budget mod. Chair Jack D. Baker agreed and suggested it be a separate motion and the agenda would need to be amended for its consideration. Councilor Coates withdrew the motion.

The motion for approval with additions carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Coates moved to amend the agenda for consideration of contracting with the Red Hummingbird Media Corporation. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilor Bill John Baker stated this motion isn't proper; the Speaker doesn't need the funds appropriated or a motion directing her to do the review. Councilor Frailey stated the funds are available within the Council budget and it would be the decision of the Speaker to move forward with the request. Councilor Coates withdrew her motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Crittenden moved to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:38 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher
Scott Craig*

*Bryan Pollard
Anna Knight*

*Kimberlie Gilliland
L. D. Drywater*

Jon Overacker

Diane Kelley

Paula Ragsdale

VISITORS PRESENT:

*David Stewart
Carey Tilley
Charles Dry
Todd Hembree*

*Raymond Vann
Gina Olaya
Lee Keener*

*Sandra Pallie
Ollie Starr
Ed Crittenden*