



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at noon.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Dobbins attended remotely.*

**Present** 12 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Shambaugh; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Wes Nofire

**Late Arrival** 4 - Mike Dobbins; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan and Shawn Crittenden

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve the June regular session minutes. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Chair Taylor announced Mr. Garrett is on standby if there are any questions since he reported to Council last night.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report -

*Ms. Scott announced they are up to date on the \$2,000 COVID payments to the citizens. To date they have had 244,149 applications for the assistance. Chair Taylor inquired about the process. Councilor Byrd inquired about the elderly speakers submitting for the funding. Councilor Smith inquired about the percentage of paper check versus electronic payments. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification during the process when you have the option to "decline". Ms. Scott announced the Cherokee casinos are cashing the checks free of charge with identification. Councilor*

*Austin inquired about cashing checks for minors. Ms. Scott gave clarification that the disaster relief payments will not count against SSI recipients. This decision didn't go into effect until April of 2021 so some may have issue if payments were received prior to the decision.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley expressed birthday wishes to Chair Taylor. She gave program update on the Summer Youth participants. She reported on a new grant. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She requested the Holiday Coordinator, Austin Patton, to give an overview of the upcoming 69th Cherokee National Holiday. Mr. Austin gave an explanation of the hybrid events this year due to the COVID pandemic.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Chair Taylor gave clarification on the list provided as follows: page 2 - Soaring Bird is listed twice, one of these needs to be stricken, page 6 – Port City Body Shop needs to be removed completely, and page 13 – Sooner Hot Oil is listed twice and these are two separate businesses.*

*Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve the list provided without the Port City Body Shop certification. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*A new list was provided. Councilors Crittenden, Duncan, Smith and Shambaugh made additional requests. Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve with the additions. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the new list provided. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### ROADS

*Mr. Reece reported additional requests for Councilor Duncan. Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve the list with the additions. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

*No new additions were submitted for approval.*

##### LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

*No new requests were submitted.*

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [21-069](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - Mod. 10A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve operating modification 10A revised. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Chair Taylor requested Treasurer Scott give an explanation for the late request. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd commended the Treasurer and her staff on the outstanding job with the their additional tasks.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:50 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Tralynna Scott  
Austin Patton  
Diane Kelley*

*Todd Enlow  
Sara Hill*

*Taralee Montgomery  
Anna Knight*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*

*Remote:  
Tim Brown*