



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Executive and Finance Committee

Monday, March 16, 2009

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

Special Session

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 2 - Buel Anglen and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 3 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk and Bradley Cobb

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #19-08 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 - MOD 5 Stimulus Package; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Chair Jack D. Baker stated the purpose of this special meeting is to go over the various economic stimulus amounts that we hope to obtain. Secretary of State, Melanie Knight gave a briefing on the stimulus funds. She stated here have been a lot of meetings among the agencies on how to implement the stimulus. The White House of Intergovernmental Affairs has been very active and has met with mayors, governors and other elected officials. She stated the Act includes a host of general requirements that apply to all of the funds. In regard to the budget mod for consideration today not all of the funds expected to receive or compete for are listed. Grants and competitive funding is typically brought forward in a resolution form requesting approval to compete for the funds. They are separating all of the funding sources into separate groups of budgets which allow them to be ready to report on results associated with specifically with these dollars. She stated these lists of budgets are estimates. None of these funds including the HUD funds have been awarded. The Treasurer will hold these budgets and not allow expenditures to hit these budgets until we have an award in hand. She gave an overview of the budget mod provided. The Roads budget dollars will fund what is on the existing TIP. She stated they will be able to do twice as many roads. Mr. Michael Lynn stated they are working feverishly to get the environmental and engineering work complete on six projects. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to what the six projects are. Mr. Lynn stated they are Greasy Road in Adair County, Nicutt North in Adair County, Nicutt South in Adair County, Drycreek Road in Cherokee County, Salina Kenwood road in

Delaware and Mayes Counties and Rice Woodard in Cherokee County. Councilor Buzzard inquired as to the requirements. Ms. Knight stated the general requirements are to have a goal for infrastructure projects and using at least 50% of the funds not later than 120 days after the enactment of the act. They will remain available for obligation until September 30 of 2010 unless otherwise provided. The fuels reduction came from a forestry program. The funds will be used to thin out pine trees and is a one time funding. Fire prevention work will also be conducted across the jurisdiction. The supplemental youth program comes from the Department of Labor to provide work experience for youth. The next three are IHS which include 1) maintenance and improvement on existing facilities, 2) an increase for existing equipment, and 3) Health IT. She stated there isn't a formula for the \$85ml of Health IT funds. She stated this is the most speculative with the items provided today. IHS Water and Sewer are projects that will prioritized by area. Councilor Buzzard requested a list of the projects submitted. She stated the next three items were discussed during the last committee.

Councilor Cobb made a motion to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. A friendly amendent was accepted to move this item to the Council meeting tonight. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Bill John Baker and seconded by Co Chair Cara Cowan Watts, that this matter be Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Melanie Knight</i>	<i>Gregg Simmons</i>	<i>Callie Catcher</i>
<i>Kim Carroll</i>	<i>Charlie Soap</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Melissa Gower</i>	<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>
<i>Darlene Foreman</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Hembree

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____