



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, February 25, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Deere, Coates, and Shaw attended remotely.

Present 15 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Mike Shambaugh and Dora Patzkowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Dobbins moved to approve the January minutes as submitted.
Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported they are having really good trends in the business units. He gave an update on the casinos shutting down during the winter storm. They are currently expanding the hours at some of the casinos. They are still adhering to the responsible COVID protocols.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Ms. Scott offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested a report on the Gamma Trust Fund and the 2% set aside. Councilor Nofire

requested clarification on the Cares Act Relief funds given to CNB and CNB insurance claim outs for loss of funds. He also inquired if there was a loss of revenue how were the bonuses given. He further inquired about the \$72ml federal funds and if they could be used for mental health. He requested a report of a detailed list of how the Cares Relief Funds were spent.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the Re-Entry Program. They are working toward having a Re-Entry staff member at each field office. She reported on the Disability Initiative from the Department of Labor, the Summer Youth, the Health and Restore Program, the TANF Program, and the Tribal Economic Development. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor inquired if Cherokee preference could be practiced on the Delaware Group project.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they are in the middle of grant season and tax season. This year they are at almost \$2ml in small business loans. She offered to answer questions from the report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided. Mr. Reece announced additions to the new list from Councilor Austin of \$932 to the City of Claremore. Councilor Smith requested \$500 to Gore Public School. Councilor Duncan requested \$1,000 to Boys and Girls Club of Adair County. Councilor Nofire requested \$2,500 to Tailholt and \$2,00 to Drycreek. Councilor Shambaugh requested \$2,000 to Wickliffe School. Councilor Smith requested \$600 to God's Blessing Clothes Closet. Councilor Nofire requested \$1,500 to the Tahlequah Area Coalition for the Homeless. Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve with the additions. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece announced the new moneys is on the report but isn't actually approved until the budget modification is approved in Council. Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece announced there is an addition from Councilor Smith on Indian Road. Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new requests submitted.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

An updated list was submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [21-018](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BRIGGS PUBLIC SCHOOL
Councilor Byrd made a motion to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [21-019](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO WOODALL PUBLIC SCHOOL
Councilor Nofire made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [21-020](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD.4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [21-021](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 5A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Chair Taylor requested Treasurer Scott give an overview of the changes from Mod 5 to 5A. Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve the revised Mod. 5A. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:37 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery
Nick Hammons

Todd Enlow
Jody Reece

Tralynna Scott

Remote:

Anna Knight

Diane Kelley

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell

Remote:

Chuck Garrett