



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, October 29, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield;
Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the September 24th regular session minutes. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Chuck Garrett reported for Mr. Slaton by giving revenue and current project updates. Councilor Garvin inquired about the lack of upcoming shows at the Joint. Councilor Walkingstick commented on a recent purchase in his district he was unaware of and requested the Council be notified in the future.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn gave an update on the potential federal government shut down she spoke of last month. She announced they now have a Cherokee Nation Donation website for anyone who wishes to donate funds to the Cherokee Nation, in memory of, or a specific program. Councilor Baker requested clarification on a donation on the

handout provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the job fair held in Mayes County at the Expo Center. A job fair is scheduled for West Siloam Springs strictly for CNB and a diversified job fair will be held at the Hard Rock. She gave an update on the businesses they are currently working with who are seeking employees. The TERO banquet is scheduled for November 19th. She provided an update on the truck driving school. They are working with Indian Capitol Technologies on the welding, masonry and electrical classes. They are also looking in to heavy equipment training. She congratulated Speaker Joe Byrd on his appointment as the ERA Vice President at NCAI. Councilor Byrd gave appreciation to all of the efforts of Diane and her group at NCAI with his nomination. Councilor Taylor gave appreciation to Ms. Kelley's employees for a job well done on a recent issue. Councilor Hatfield commented the Youth Council for their efforts at NCAI.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight handed out agendas for the NORA summit scheduled for November 10th and encouraged everyone to attend. She reported the Small Business Assistance Center had a record high in loans this year. Chair Taylor inquired if there has been any progress on the branding. She requested clarification on the CDFI grant. She also inquired about a timeline for the youth entrepreneur competition.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve as provided. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided. Mr. Reece announced an addition of the National Junior Bull Riders for \$1,200 split between Councilors Byrd, Walkingstick and Jordan. Councilor Garvin requested his request for Warner Thanksgiving dinner be changed to Oak Grove Baptist Church. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve as amended. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece stated a new list has been provided. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece stated a newly updated list has been provided. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the new list provided for livestock. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece inquired if an emergency situation comes to surface with a road project the following could happen and not have to wait for approval by this committee; Road Department has a complete application and contacts Mr. Reece to confirm the funds are available for the specified Councilor. On confirmation of available funds Mr. Reece will contact both the Speaker and the Councilor sponsoring the project for approval. Should this situation arise it would still be reported out in the consent list. Councilor Hargis moved to approve the list for approval and this recommendation. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-085](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. After a brief overview by Mr. Reece the motion for approval carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Walkingstick congratulated Speaker Byrd on his becoming the NCAI ERA Vice President.

Chair Taylor gave a shout out to Mason Fine the Locust Grove quarterback who broke the state passing record on Friday night.

Councilor Austin announced his community meeting will be held in Chelsea this Tuesday at the Civic Center.

Councilor Baker recognized At Large citizen Linda Flores in attendance.

Councilor Warner announced his community meeting Thursday, November 5th at Sallisaw Middle School.

Chair Taylor requested clarification of the Treasurer on the list of donations provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:58 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Todd Hembree
Jody Reece
Claud Stover*

*Diane Kelley
Willard Mounce
Jamie Cole
Anna Knight.*

*Lacey Horn
Michael Lynn
John Paden*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Chuck Garrett
Linda Flores*

Teddy Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold