



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Monday, November 16, 2015

10:30 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell;
Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen;
Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 3 - Frankie Hargis ; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the October 29th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave an update on the current projects and gave the financials for September. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the tenants at the Woodmark building, the Pryor facility and sale of the buildings in Sapulpa. Councilor Thornton inquired about placing Blue Ribbon Downs in trust. Chair Taylor inquired about a possible remodel at Will Rogers Downs. She also inquired about the lobby and front desk renovation at the Hard Rock. Chair Taylor also commented on how well all of the diversified businesses are doing. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about any new contracts at CNI.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced they have been awarded their 14th consecutive Government Finance Officers Association award for our comprehensive annual financial report and their 3rd award for their popular annual financial report. She provided a surplus warehouse listing and gave an overview of the process for obtaining the items. Councilor Lay requested the surplus listing by email. Councilor Lay also requested a list of fees paid to institutions. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the invoice to amount comparison chart.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced they are working with a couple of businesses find locations for their businesses here in Oklahoma to provide additional Cherokee jobs. There is a job fair tomorrow in West Siloam Springs for the casino. They also meet with the State of Arkansas in Fort Smith tomorrow on the sector partnership grant. The TERO vendor fair is this Thursday at Hard Rock.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from her report. She gave a few highlights for the upcoming TERO vendor fair this Thursday. She reported on the recently held NORA summit. She also touched on the bonding issues with small businesses, the record percentage of contracts awarded to TERO vendors this year and the record small business lending for the year. They are working on writing a USDA farm service agent grant through the foundation which would be to conduct outreach and training. December 5th at 4:30 will be lights on at the Capitol square which is also the Tahlequah Christmas parade.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Taylor announced a new list has been provided. Councilor Walkingstick requested the addition of \$500 each to the Keys, Tahlequah, Ft. Gibson and Hulbert FFA programs with each being split between himself and Councilors Byrd and Jordan. Councilor Hargis requested the addition of \$500 to CC Camp for outreach. She also requested \$230 to NSU softball to be split between herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick. Councilor Warner requested \$750 to the Flute Springs Community Building. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve with the additions. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A request was made to wait on Law Enforcement approvals until clarification is received.

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-094](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGION FOR WILDLAND AND FIRE MANAGEMENT
Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Hargis, Walkingstick, Baker, Jordan and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Lay requested information about the request. The motion to approve carried.

2. [15-095](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation with a request to be forwarded to Council this evening.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece reported a change in the request for Councilor Vazquez in that the amount is cut in half to \$8,063.26. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Byrd announced today at 5:50 p.m. Chief Baker will sign the adoption awareness month proclamation in the lobby.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:05 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Todd Hembree
Lacey Horn
Willard Mounce
Diane Kelley*

*Jody Reece
Canaan Duncan
Jon Smith*

*Jamie Cole
Ginger Reeves
Anna Knight*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shawn Slaton

Teddye Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold