



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack D. Baker, Chair

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Tuesday, August 23, 2011

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

Special Session - Budget Hearings August 23 - 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

Absent 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Janelle Fullbright

NEW BUSINESS

11-108

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Callie Catcher gave a brief overview of the FY2012 budget proposed by the Administration. Following the completion of Ms. Catcher's overview Mr. Doug Evans gave his Legislative overview.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the FY2012 budget. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion.

RECESS

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested and was granted a fifteen minute recess.

RECONVENNE

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting back to order at 2:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin, Jr.; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

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Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment to:

- 1010458 clothing for kids add \$300,000 to be used specifically for coats in December of this year for the kids who have already received vouchers in July and August.
- 1010025 sports teams add \$15,000
- 1010026 livestock auctions add \$15,000
- 1010042 charitable contributions add \$50,000 for Boys and Girls Club and add \$50,000 for the area backpack programs.
- 1010431 individual water and sanitation add \$150,000
- 1023055 community youth grant add \$85,000
- 1010147 Indian child welfare add \$150,000
- 1010148 Indian child welfare add \$50,000 for stipends for grandparents caring for children
- 1023030 minor emergency repair add \$100,000
- 1010693 head start afterschool program add \$200,000
- 1010700 Council legal fees add \$85,000
- 1010700 Council community assistance add \$255,000
- 1010370 burial program add \$50,000 for the slightly over income families
- 1010453 LIHEAP blankets add \$35,000
- 1010500 Education emergency assistance add \$25,000
- 1010042 charitable contributions add \$50,000 to be used as a matching amount by the Cherokee Nation Foundation to raise scholarships for directed studies
- and once carryover funds are available add \$300,000 to 1022020 MFT roads construction and add \$500,000 to 1010533 summer youth program
- and offset these additions by reducing 1010040 government relations by \$200,000, 1010090 communications by \$200,000 and 1010290 the contingency reserve by \$1,905,000.

After discussion was held Councilor Glory-Jordan changed her friendly amendment to wait on the 1010700 Council legal fees of \$85,000 and reduce the community assistance to \$104,000.

Ms. Catcher recapped the changes to the friendly amendment for clarification as increasing the 1010700 \$104,000 to partially fund the community assistance of \$204,000 with the other \$100,000 coming from reallocations. Reductions would be 1010041 Get out the Vote by \$100,000, 1010040 government relations \$100,000, 1010090 communications by \$200,000 and 1010290 the contingency reserve by \$1,104,000.

Councilor Glory-Jordan stated this is her friendly amendment. Councilor Cowan

Watts accepted the friendly amendment. Councilor Garvin didn't accept the friendly amendment.

Councilor Glory-Jordan changed her friendly amendment to a motion to amend the main motion. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered clarification that the funds for the backpack programs are to also include those ran by the Salvation Army. He also wanted clarification that the \$2,000 for the food pantries actually goes to the individual organization rather than just to the program.

Ms. Catcher provided a correction that the reduction to the contingency reserve 1010290 would be \$1,004,000.

Special Action

A motion was made by Co Chair Cowan Watts, seconded by Councilor Garvin, that this matter be Approved and Forwarded to Council to the TRIBAL COUNCIL, due back on 9/12/2011. The motion carried by the following vote.

Yea: 12 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:36 p.m.