



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, January 28, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 2 - Curtis Snell and Dick Lay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the December 15, 2015 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on their first quarter financials. Today they completed their audit and appreciation was given to all of those involved in the lengthy process. He provided an update on all of the ongoing projects. The Kenny Rogers concert for this evening at the Joint has been rescheduled for April at the request of the artist. Councilor Lay inquired about the race horse virus. He also inquired if a timeline has been determined for a permanent structure for the South Coffeyville casino. Mr. Slaton gave an update on Outpost #1 here at the complex. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the road to the Grove casino location. Chair Taylor commented on the trend across CNB of the expenses coming in less than budgeted.

She inquired about ramped up advertising for Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a remodel at Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Byrd inquired about a renovation of the Restaurant of the Cherokees. Councilor Lay inquired if an architect has been chosen for the new Tahlequah clinic.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced the auditors are here this week. She gave appreciation for the assistance with all of the surplus warehouse items. Councilor Buzzard inquired if she could provide any input on the collections with Health and their new system.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave appreciation for the work done by the Financial Resources to assist them in the funds transfers for the customized trainings. They will be hosting a diversified job fair on February 17th at West Siloam Springs. There will be a ribbon cutting and open house in Oklahoma City at the Job Corp office in conjunction with Legislative Day on the 23rd of February. They are working with the Chief and Councilors Buzzard and Snell in regard to a business coming into Jay. USDA is doing a planning meeting for Sequoyah, Adair, Cherokee and Delaware counties on February 4th in Stilwell in regard to NORA and other grant funding. They will begin taking Summer Youth applications on February 22nd and cease accepting them in April. The Indian Capital Technology Center has nominated the Career Services group for the partnerships with the heavy equipment, welding, iron workers and masonry.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She provided an update from the report provided. The Volunteer Income Tax Preparation will begin next week. She announced they received a grant from the Small Business Administration to administer some executive coaching to individuals who have established businesses but are ready to take the next step. They have started working with the 5th through 8th graders at the Immersion school after school program to teach financial coaching.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

No new applications were submitted for approval.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Taylor announced a new community assistance list has been provided. Mr. Jody Reece announced an addition to the new list for Vinita Public Schools for \$500 from Councilor Vazquez. Councilor Anglen requested the addition of Owasso Schools, Skiatook Schools, Sperry Schools and Collinsville Schools each \$500 for their FFA program. He also requested \$500 each to Owasso

Schools, Skiatook Schools and Collinsville Schools for their JOM Programs. Councilor Walkingstick requested to split \$500 between himself and Councilor Garvin to Muskogee High School. Councilor Crittenden requested \$500 to Cave Springs School. Councilor Baker moved to approve with the additions. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No new applications were submitted.

ROADS

Mr. Reece stated there are some additions to the roads requests. He also pointed out the motor vehicle tax funds has been added to the report but will not be available for use until after the passage at the Council meeting in February. The Roads Department did a year end reconciliation a found some refunds and corrections which are reflected in this report. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

No new sport team applications were submitted.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-007](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NOWETA CHEROKEES IN NOWATA COUNTY
Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [16-008](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO REDBIRD STOMP GROUNDS IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [16-009](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN DELAWARE COUNTY

Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [16-010](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO 51 WEST FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ADAIR COUNTY
Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. [16-011](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BRUSHY CHEROKEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. [16-012](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. [16-013](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO STOKES STOMP GROUNDS IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. [16-014](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BELFONTE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Warner moved to approve items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. [16-015](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHEROKEE NATION'S PROMISE ZONE APPLICATION
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.
10. [16-016](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. [16-017](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Hatfield announced last Tuesday at an OU Men's Basketball game they had Native American day and our Cherokee Nation flag was represented.

Chair Taylor announced Cherokee citizen Mason Fine has signed to go to North Texas.

Chair Taylor announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17th instead of on Thursday the 25th at the same times.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:08 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Kim Carroll</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Jon Smith</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Smith</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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