



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 26, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

Absent 1 - Harley Buzzard

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the financials for CNB. He gave a brief update on the success of the diversified businesses. He announced as a result of the Las Vegas shooting there would be drug dogs on site at Hard Rock for security measures. They have met and determined site plan and a building floor foot print for phase 1 of the Tahlequah casino at Cherokee Plaza. ODOT is requiring a wider turn in on HWY62 along with additional signals. He provided information on the Hard Rock renovation of the Sprung structure. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired if the event center at the Cherokee Plaza would be able to host events like the Trail of Tears Drama. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the revenue change

from the existing Tahlequah casino and the proposed new casino. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired about promoting the golf course at the Hard Rock. Chair Taylor commended them for the expenses coming in under budget. Councilor Crittenden inquired if there is a market for paper bingo. Councilor Lay inquired if we own or have an option on the property in Arkansas. He requested further clarification on the multi-purpose event center proposed for the Tahlequah casino. Councilor Hatfield inquired about a local market for a theatre group or act at the event centers that stay over a period of time.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn provided an update on the two boards she had been appointed to serve on in 2015. They are continuing to toward closing the books for the 2017 fiscal year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced a diversified job fair in Vinita with 18 businesses is happening today. They are working with the new Dish call center in Tulsa. She provided some highlights on the recently held job fairs. They went to Jay last Friday to meet with a possible new wood chipping business. She touched on some of the other projects they are currently working on. She stated they are meeting with Health to determine training strategies for their upcoming employment needs. Councilor Hargis inquired about a vacant position in Stilwell.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced she didn't have any updated MAP figures to report at this time and offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the TERO complaints and EEOC Complaints referred to in the report, only 60% of our procurement opportunities to TERO and the numbers not being updated from CNE and CNB.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Chair Taylor inquired about the 2 separate TERO certification lists. Ms. Kelley provided an explanation of the second list.

Councilor Byrd made a motion to table the joint venture. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification as to what is a "mentor Protégé" and the difference with a joint venture. Following discussion and concerns for the joint venture the motion to table this one certification carried with Councilor Lay opposed.

Councilor Hargis moved to approve all other items on both of the lists. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Lay voiced concern for the smaller Cherokee companies and the bonding issues. The motion to approve carried.

Mr. Harsha requested clarification on the basis for not approving the joint venture certification. He stated if the basis for not approving is solely on the notion that joint ventures are not appropriate or disfavored it would be inconsistent with what the law provides. He stated the application was certified by the TERO office and submitted

here merely for consent.

Councilor Lay made a motion to lay this certification back on the table for reconsideration. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following a voice vote there was confusion on the process.

RECESS

Chair Taylor requested a 5 minute recess to obtain clarification at 4:05 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Taylor reconvened the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Chair Taylor announced clarification was needed on some less used Roberts Rules of Order. She requested Council Attorney Nofire Blakestad restate where we are and what needs to take place to get back on track.

Councilor Lay restated his motion to rise off the table the joint venture certification. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 11 - Buel Anglen, Keith Austin, Shawn Crittenden, Rex Jordan, Dick Lay, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E.O. Jr Smith, Victoria Vazquez, David Walkingstick, and Bryan Warner

Nay: 2 - Joe Byrd and Janees Taylor

Abstentions: 2 - Frankie Hargis and Wanda Hatfield

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the joint venture item. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 9 – Keith Austin, Shawn Crittenden, Rex Jordan, Dick Lay, Mike Shambaugh, Mary Baker Shaw, E. O. Jr Smith, Victoria Vazquez, and Bryan Warner

Nay: 5 – Buel Anglen, Joe Byrd, Wanda Hatfield, Janees Taylor, and David Walkingstick

Abstentions: 1 – Frankie Hargis

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece provided a new list and read the additions. Councilor Vazquez requested the addition of South Coffeyville School for \$200. Councilor Byrd requested the addition of SHS Drama department for \$500 each from himself and Councilor Walkingstick. Councilor Smith requested \$1,000 for the Sequoyah County 4H. Councilor Jordan requested \$500 to Tahlequah Public Schools baseball. Councilor Jordan moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez requested the Nowata County Sheriff donation for \$10,000 be held. The motion carried.

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

No sports team funding was submitted for approval.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No livestock applications was submitted for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-116](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BRUSHY CHEROKEE ACTION ASSOCIATION IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [17-117](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE A SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SEQUOYAH COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [17-118](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [17-119](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO JEREMIAH FOUNDATION IN ADAIR COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. [17-120](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SET FREE MINISTRIES IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. [17-121](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MARBLE CITY FOOD PANTRY IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. [17-122](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO MARYETTA SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. [17-123](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO TOWN OF SPAVINAW IN MAYES COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve new business items 1 through 8 in Toto. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. [17-124](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE DISABILITY EDUCATION INITIATIVE TO PL 102-477 ACTIVITIES
Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. [17-125](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Byrd made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Anglen made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:19 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Chad Harshaw</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shawn Slaton
Charles Gourd

Teddy Snell

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad