



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 20, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Fullbright gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Bill John Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ;
Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D.
Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory
Jordan

Absent 2 - Bradley Cobb and Jodie Fishinghawk

Late Arrival 2 - Buel Anglen and Meredith Frailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the May 16th regular session and the May 26th special session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave introductions of several members of her staff and their accomplishments.

2. Executive Director's Report - Melanie Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the written reports provided. She reported June 10th was the deadline in the College Resource Center for applications. With the help of 10 Day Workers the staff was able to process approximately 850

applications. She announced they would be submitting an emergency resolution to make application for Head Start Program previously operated by the Cookson Hills Community Action. The application deadline for this resolution is later this month.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to amend the agenda for consideration of this resolution today. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions regarding her report. She reported the Cookson Hills Head Start program referred to by Ms. Knight has 615 children with approximately 115 staff and this would double our current program. If we receive this award it would be a year before our operation would begin. The grant is for \$3.6ml plus the additional \$80,000 on federal share which would be generated. Ms. Thompson stated this is a different funding agency as it is a Region 6 Program.

4. Leadership - Todd Enlow

Chair Coates announced Mr. Enlow is on the Remember the Removal Bike Ride and a copy of their report has been handed out.

5. Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis announced she had just returned from a seven day bus tour to North Carolina with the Youth Council and the Youth Choir. The bus tour will go to Cherokee North Carolina once again in October for Fall Festival. She announced they are converting the Ross School into a museum with the expectation to open around October of this year. They hope to name it the Chief John Ross Museum she inquired about the notification process with the tabling of the legislation regarding the naming of buildings. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commented the legislation is tabled and with the absence of the law ideally the Council would receive advanced notice of the naming in which you have done. Councilor Soap requested a copy of the radio ad pertaining to Cultural Tourism. Councilor Garvin inquired about a transit service from the Muskogee area to the Hard Rock facility for work. Councilor Jack D. Baker referred to the Chief's Marker Program which was to begin with the placement of the marker for Chief John Ross. He suggested it take place at the time of the Museum grand opening.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-086](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR HEAD START REPLACEMENT GRANT - ADAIR, CHEROKEE, SEQUOYAH AND MCINTOSH COUNTIES, OKLAHOMA
Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The Committee requested to

be listed as sponsors. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:23 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Landra Alberty
Ramona Holt
Melanie Knight*

*Daryl Legg
Jan Grogran
Dennis Carter
Verna Thompson*

*Kelli Forrest
Sandy Long
Jennifer Pigeon
Gregg Simmons*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Hembree

Molly Jarvis