



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, October 30, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 14 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez
- Absent** 3 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard and Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the September 25th regular session and the September 25th PAC Sub minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced they received a GFOA award for their popular annual financial report or condensed report for the second year in a row. They also received the GFOA award for the comprehensive annual budget report for the thirteenth straight year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor gave appreciation the various grants obtained.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the August results. He provided an update on the current

projects including the Roland casino, South Coffeyville casino, remodel of the original hotel at Catoosa, and the clinics. Councilor Vazquez gave appreciation for the extraordinary art market recently held. Councilor Baker inquired about a completion date for the Cherokee Plaza here in Tahlequah. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the flood rating for the Cherokee Plaza land. Mr. Slaton provided clarification on the outlet location situation.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the new office locations and ribbon cuttings. She announced there will be a construction fair for the Cooweescoowee Clinic on November 13th, for the Jay Clinic on November 18th and for the Mankiller clinic on the 20th of November. She commented they are working with Mr. Slaton and CNB on several projects. They are looking into the possibility of putting signage up at the construction sites to direct people on where and how to apply for jobs. The JDNEG Group is meeting in Siloam Springs today for training. They are enhancing their service delivery with the new office openings and have been notified there will be office space available in the new Ochelata clinic. She stated they are in preparations for the big TERO banquet next Thursday. She provided a report as requested on the Re-Entry Program. She offered to answer questions from the reports provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She commented she included several power point slides from Deidre Myers with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce that were part of her presentation at the summit. She commented they are expecting 125 vendors at the TERO vendor fair coming up.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

A new list of cemetery applications was provided. Councilor Keener moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list has been provided. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the Lowery Volunteer Fire Department, Connors Development Foundation and the Dry Creek Community Building each be split equally between herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick. Councilor Baker moved to approve as amended. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece announced a new list has been provided and noted it would be after the first of the calendar year before the new funds are available. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Byrd moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Glory Jordan suggested reviewing the policy in regard to one person applying multiple teams. She offered a friendly amendment to hold the two applications submitted by the same person until next month. The friendly was accepted. A requested was made for an additional column on the spread sheet stating the type of sport. Councilor Glory Jordan suggested adding the Councilor's signature for approval of applications in their districts. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the Roads projects submitted. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece stated there aren't any new additions but commented this budget would need to be reviewed at some point during the year for additional funding. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to reconsider the sports team applications. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Glory Jordan provided clarification on the three submitted for approval and moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Glory Jordan requested the Sport Team Applications be on the agenda next month for review. Councilor Keener requested the Livestock also be reviewed also.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-095](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM TO DONATE SURPLUS REAL ESTATE INCLUDING A REPLACEMENT HOME TO SUSAN L. BROWN IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a copy of the policy for donating land in an emergency situation. After clarification and discussion was held the motion to approve carried with no opposition.

2. [14-096](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the proposed budget modification. Clarification was given on the change in the behavioral health and nutrition sites budgets. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Baker recognized an At Large visitor in the audience.

Councilor Garvin commented he liked the idea of all of the November meetings being held here and the Thanksgiving dinner being at the Head Start.

Councilor Cowan Watts announced this Saturday is her last annual scholarship workshop for some time and it will be held in Claremore at the community building. She also announced the Rogers County Cherokee Association's annual hog fry is Saturday November 8th in Tiawah.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:33 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Penny Noiseworthy</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>John Paden</i>
<i>Connie Davis</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>
<i>Linda Flores</i>		