



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jack D. Baker, Chair*

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Thursday, September 29, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

**Late Arrival** 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Keener moved to approve the August 23rd special session and the August 25th regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

*Ms. Catcher offered to answer questions from the written report provided.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart announced CNB had a great month of July all around primarily as a result of a higher gaming revenue. He reported the Board approved the 2012 budget with total revenues of \$720ml for all companies and \$200ml of that being in non-gaming. The designs at Ramona and Ft. Gibson are complete; Tahlequah is still somewhat on hold until the site plan is complete. They are breaking ground on the*

*tower at Hard Rock this week. He provided a handout of an update on the initiative to develop our citizens in training.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley offered to answer questions from the report. She reminded everyone of the Economic Summit for Rogers State in Rogers County on the 13th of October. Governor Mary Fallan has her Economic Development Conference at the Hard Rock on Friday, October 14th. The TERO Vendor Fair will be held October 20th at Hard Rock with the banquet to follow that evening. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about background checks on Day Work participants and their job supervision. Ms. Kelley announced the Day Work program has been shut down for two weeks but will re-open on Monday. Councilor Thornton inquired if there is Federal funding assistance for the Day Work program. Ms. Kelley stated the program is currently funded through Federal NAHASDA dollars, CNB funds and tribal dollars.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*No one was present to report from the Commerce Department. Their written report was provided. Councilor Glory-Jordan on the report requested in addition to the summary provided on loans to summarize at length what the loans were made for, what collateral we have and how often the collateral is checked.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve as presented. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Thornton moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Councilor Thornton moved to approve as provided. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Councilor Garvin inquired about acquiring assistance for an individual. Mr. Hembree gave clarification that the current rule is for groups only who are of more than 51% Cherokee membership. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commented the Act in regard to donations and community assistance has been repealed which may now provide some flexibility. Mr. Hembree recommended developing a specific policy if it is the intention of the Council to give donations to individuals. Councilor Thornton requested a FFA funding application.*

**The motion to approve carried.**

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

**No law enforcement requests were presented for approval.**

ROADS

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the amended list. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested confirmation that the unspent roads funds do carry over. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-180](#) DISCUSSION ON TERO LAW REFORM

Councilor Lay made a motion asking the committee to authorize a sub-committee to meet, conduct interviews, discuss and study both LA#30-05 and TERO Executive Order 12-10-CS. The review of documents would include: 1) their effectiveness, 2) possibility of Legislative action, and 3) possible recommendations to HR, Compliance and Certification, etc. The goal of this sub-committee is to: 1) improve the Cherokee Nation Employment Rights Act and 2) improve the Cherokee First, and TERO performance, in hiring, promoting and compliance. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Co-Chair of Executive Finance Cowan Watts offered to Chair the sub-committee. Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion for Councilor Hoskin Jr. to be the co-chair of the sub-committee. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sub-committee Chair Cowan Watts agreed to set up the initial meeting time and date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Jack D. Baker inquired if anyone planned to attend the tour the Kenwood properties the day of the Resource meeting in Bull Hollow to please notify Gayle. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the directions to Bull Hollow be emailed out again. Chair Jack D. Baker reminded everyone it is the end of the fiscal year and to turn in their expenses and mileage reports. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the community meeting additional funds for additional counties. Councilor Thornton inquired about carry over travel dollars to community assistance funds. Ms. Gayle Miller announced the mileage has to be turned in to her by next Friday, October 7th.*

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:52 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher  
Diane Kelley*

*Doug Evans  
Jon Overacker*

*Paula Ragsdale  
Mike Miller*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*David Stewart  
Gina Olaya*

*Shawn Slaton*

*Todd Hembree*