



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, March 29, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Frankie Hargis

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the February 23rd regular session minutes. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to add new business item 3 as a resolution providing for the donation of a laptop to the Indian Women's Pocahontas club and to accept written reports due to time constraints. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. With some opposition heard Councilor Hoskin Jr. amended his motion to allow reports but to keep them brief. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the January results and offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the details on the horse barn at Will Rogers Downs be provided. She inquired as to the status of the Tahlequah casino project. She voiced concern for the possibility of giving away rights at the wind project at Chillocco. She requested information be provided in regard to the London trip. An update was given on the Jay laundry project. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the delayed federal funding at CNI. Mr. Slaton provided an update on the Red Wing facility as requested. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the KPMG issue.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported the comprehensive annual financial report for September 30, 2011 will be issued tomorrow. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided a packet of brochures for the economic development workforce. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the job fair turn out referred to in the reports.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the written report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. After a few questions were asked the motion to approve carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans provided an updated report and announced the funds would be fully obligated with the approval of these requests. Councilor Thornton made a motion to add \$50,000 to the cemetery funds to be taken out of the un-appropriated revenues which are part of mod 7. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Thornton moved to add Belfonte cemetery to the list to be approved. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a correction on the Relocated Cemeteries Family Finders Club being in District 4 not District 5. Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered a friendly amendment to add Fall Leaf Cemetery in Bartlesville. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Evans read the new requests submitted. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested the Vinita Indian Territory Coalition for \$500 and \$750 to Oklahoma Union School. Councilor Keener requested \$3,500 split between himself and Councilor Cowan Watts to the Rogers County Cherokee Association. Councilor Walkingstick requested direction on how to give recognition for a constituent in the way of a plaque from the Council. Councilor Thornton moved to approve as amended. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Evans announced there are three new requests in addition to the report provided. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve and requested the addition of the South Coffeyville Police Department for \$1,000. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Evans reported there aren't any projects to approve this month however there are two refunds as shown in the report. Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Frailey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-196](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF USING THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR MAIL OUTS
Councilor Lay withdrew this item.

2. [TMP-197](#) 457b PLAN CONVERSION STATUS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
Mr. Evans gave a status update on the 457b status and reported the benefits department has prepared plan document to do a direct rollover conversion into a 401k plan. They are requesting consent to proceed with the 401k plan. Councilor Garvin moved to approve the recommendation. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Evans gave appreciation to all of the work by the benefits department and inquired about the time line to implement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-049](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Mr. Evans gave an overview of the operating budget Mod 7 requested by Administration. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve and amend to increase the Council's budget by \$50,000 for the purpose of contracting with an expert in statistics in mapping and redistricting related discipline. He also moved to include the earlier passed motion to add \$50,000 to the cemetery restoration funds. Councilor Hargis

seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the source in which these requests would be coming. She also raised question regarding the shortage in the contingency reserve. Mr. Evans commented on the cash reserve calculation. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commented on the Attorney General opinion given in regard to this issue. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a clarification comparison of the Deputy Chief's budget for this year and the last two years. Ms. Lacey Horn was requested to provide clarification on the Health Executive Director mod request. After additional discussion and clarifications were given Councilor Hoskin Jr. called for the question.

The motion to approve as amended carried by acclamation.

2. [12-050](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Evans provided an overview of the capital budget mod 3 request. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

3. [12-057](#) A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DONATION OF A LAPTOP COMPUTER FROM CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES TO THE INDIAN WOMEN'S POCAHONTAS CLUB

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. After a few questions were asked, all Councilors requested to be included as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting would be on Thursday, April 26th at 3:00 p.m. and that this meeting is adjourned.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Anna Knight
Lacey Horn
Diane Kelley*

*Todd Hembree
Bill Foster
Amy Brill*

*Doug Evans
Jon Overacker
Patrick Hill*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Raymond Vann
Ollie Starr*

*Shawn Slaton
Larry Horn*

*Gina Olaya
Roy Hamilton*