



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, February 22, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 2 - Wanda Hatfield and Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the January 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the January financials. In projects he provided an update on the Hard Rock expansion, the ground breaking for the Tahlequah casino will be the 26th of March, they are working with several interested parties who wish to locate within the Cherokee Plaza and an update was given on the road construction and the lighting at the Cherokee Plaza. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification be given to the CNI employees in regard to the insurance changes.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Mr. Jamie Cole offered to answer questions from the report provided. He external auditors are on site for the FY2017 audit. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the deposit into the sovereign wealth fund. Councilor Lay inquired if the sovereign wealth funds and the education trust funds would be kept separate. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the NAHASDA funds in regard to the Promise Scholarship. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if NAHASDA would be allowed to fund the Promise Scholarship program this year.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced a new economic development opportunity in Inola and an expansion of a power washer company in Decater, Arkansas. They are currently working on an economic development project in Sallisaw. They have new counselors in Vinita and Pryor. The apprenticeship program will be relocating. Councilor Byrd inquired how the Council could assist with the recruitment at the Job Corp Center.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they are busy with the VITA sites and continue to experience high volume of business loan requests. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd commented on his tour of the Spider Gallery and the KAWI café. He inquired about placing an arbor on the outdoor work area. He also inquired about the safety of the back balcony at the Cort Mall.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the vendors who are requesting a joint partnership of TERO vendors.

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the TERO certification list as submitted. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Taylor requested a correction on the list in that the donation to Westville should not be listed under her. Councilor Byrd requested \$1,000 be split between the three Cherokee County Councilors to Sequoyah High School. Councilor Buzzard requested the addition of \$800 to the Northeast Community Action Agency. Councilor Anglen requested the addition of \$1,000 to the Sperry Senior Citizen Center. Councilor Austin requested the addition of \$750 to Claremore High School. Councilor Smith requested \$2,000 to the Sallisaw Chamber. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$500 to Connors State College. Councilor Warner made a motion to approve as amended. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No changes were requested.

ROADS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the changes in Roads. Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-014](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

2. [18-015](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 6A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:40 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Londa Cox</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

Shawn Slaton

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad