



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Draft EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, October 31, 2013

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

Late Arrival 4 - Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; Don Garvin and Curtis Snell

CONFIRMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Councilor Walkingstick moved to accept Councilor Vazquez as a member of this committee. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the September 26th regular session and the September 26th PAC sub minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Pinta Building Group Mr. Darren Buzzard presented the Cherokee Nation with \$2,000 for the Angel Tree.

REPORTS:

Chair Flshinghawk requested to let the reports stand on their own.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported August was a good month and they continue to have a good year financially. They are a little behind the budget estimates but are 17% over last year. He gave an update on the current projects and announced they are currently working on the hospital plans and making preliminary plans for the Roland casino renovation. They are cleaning up Blue Ribbon Downs and have found a small amount of asbestos. Councilor Keener inquired about the budget and the suites at the Joint. He requested a list of the contractors at CNE and a breakdown of who is Cherokee. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the property recently purchased in Delaware County.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported she has been attending the 102-477 Employment and Training Conference this week at the Hard Rock. She announced they would be doing some vender fairs for construction services in Sallisaw on November 12th at Blue Ribbon Downs, in Vinita at the clinic and the third here in Tahlequah. The TERO Vendor Fair and banquet will be held Thursday, November 21st at the Hard Rock. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Glory Jordan gave appreciation to the Day Work Program as she met two people this week who now have full time employment after starting with the program.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided a handout of map of the loans being provided in the communities. She gave an update on the upcoming vendor fair. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Glory Jordan gave appreciation to Ms. Knight's assistance with an entity that just increased their employment with fifty new employees.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Buzzard inquired about the process for the receipts. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the request from one person for approval on 4 cemeteries and the policy only allows for 3 cemeteries per person. Councilor Lay requested to hold the Wichham application. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve the list as amended with the exception of Wichham Cemetery. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No law enforcement requests were presented.

ROADS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the proposed roads requests. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the addition of an access road in the amount of \$720 at Rocky Ford split between herself and Councilors Byrd, Walkingstick and Snell. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve as amended. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece gave an update on the revised community assistance list. Councilor Thornton requested the addition of \$400 to the All Indian Rodeo Association. Councilor Garvin requested the \$750 for the rodeo be removed, Warner High School should be \$1,200 and Connors College is \$750. Councilor Hargis requested the addition of Cherokee Children's Mission for \$1,000 and \$1,000 for War Pony. Councilor Baker requested a change to the Rodeo Association for himself and Councilor Coates to \$750 each. Councilor Snell requested the addition of \$500 to War Pony. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece reported a revised list has been provided. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on the approval of a request for the Ft. Smith State Fair. Councilor Glory Jordan gave clarification on the small animal portion of the funding. Mr. Reece announced there are 2 additions from the original report provided. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve with the Ft. Smith State Fair request included. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RECESS

Chair Fishinghawk requested a recess to go to the Special Council meeting at 4:00 in the Council Chambers. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to recess. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:50 p.m.

RECONVENNE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 4:18 p.m.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Fishinghawk requested to revisit Community Assistance for Councilor Vazquez. Councilor Vazquez requested the addition of \$2671 to the Vinita JOM. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-291](#) DISCUSSION OF THE TERO LAW

Councilor Lay commented there is movement of amendments to the TERO law and he is opposed. He stated there is contracting at CNE and CNB where TERO was not followed. Councilor Buzzard requested those responsible for enforcing the laws be present when this discussion is held.

Councilor Lay moved to table. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-294](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - AMPHITHEATRE

Councilor Byrd opened the discussion regarding the reorganization and refurbishment of the amphitheater. After discussion was held Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to explore the opportunity for the Cherokee Nation to have a ninety-nine year lease, the Cherokee Nation refurbish once cost estimates are received and agreed upon and then determine if it would go to a non-profit for operation. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Lay offered a friendly amendment to explore a lease and or possible purchase. The friendly was accepted. The motion carried.

2. [13-125](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod request as amended. Councilor Baker made a motion to replace mod 2 with mod 2a. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. After a few questions and comments Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>
<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Darren Buzzard</i>	<i>Michael Kelly</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		