



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, October 31, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Julia Coates

Absent 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

Late Arrival 2 - Joe Byrd and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the September regular session and PAC sub as submitted. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the August financials and the year-end. He provided an update on gaming in Arkansas. Councilor Shaw inquired if betting could take place this weekend on the Breeders' Cup race at Will Rogers Downs. She also inquired about the ratio of gaming dollars versus contract dollars at CNB. Councilor Byrd inquired about the slow start of the hotel build at the Cherokee Plaza. He inquired if the Ft. Gibson casino is back to normal in regard to revenue since the flood.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Ms. Scott reported they are working on the year-end and the next month report will be the same as this month. She attended the NOFA Conference where the IRS held a dissertation with the tribes regarding taxation of tribally chartered entities.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on the recent trip to NCAI. Councilor Byrd requested someone review the resolution considered from the Alaskans regarding the communities becoming a voting block. The TERO vendor fair will be on November 21st at Hard Rock. She provided an update on the office to soon open in Muskogee. Ms. Kelley gave an update on the Career Readiness Act. A proclamation signing took place in honor of Manufacturing Month. They are preparing to roll out numerous training classes in conjunction with the Career Readiness Act. Councilor Legg suggested a training program to use the pine trees we have an abundance of to make caskets.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Mr. Stephen Highers reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. He reported they are preparing for the Small Business Expo that takes place at the same time as the TERO Vendor Banquet. Chair Taylor inquired if someone would be at the vendor fair to answer questions for those who are considering becoming TERO certified. She also requested clarification on the KAWI café graduates in the report. Councilor Coates inquired if a tribally owned Cherokee bank has ever been explored.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilor Deere voiced concern of one of the vendors up for recertification. Following some discussion the motion to approve carried with no changes.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided. Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Mr. Reece added items to the new list from Speaker Byrd which included \$500 to each of the Indian churches in his district, \$500 to Briggs School, \$500 to Lowrey School, \$500 to Grandview School, and \$1,000 to Tahlequah High School band. Councilor Shambaugh requested \$750 to all of his churches, \$150 to the Boys and Girls Club in Delaware County, \$2,000 to Kenwood School, and \$1,000 to the Eucha Community Center. Councilor Duncan requested \$350 to the Greasy Community Fellowship Organization, \$250 to the Proctor Community Organization, \$1,000 to the Adair County Resource Center, and \$700 split with Councilor Crittenden to Marietta School. Councilor Austin requested \$1,155 to Foyil Schools. Councilor Buzzard requested to Jay School \$750, to Jay JOM \$500, to Grove JOM \$500, Fairland School \$500, Spavinaw City \$750, Lighthouse Pregnancy Center \$500, Eucha Community Center \$400, Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County \$750, Boys and Girls Club of Delaware County \$150, Jay America Radio Station \$500, Community Crisis Center \$500, and Souls Harbor Ministry \$500. Councilor Crittenden requested to Native Health Matters \$1,000, Watts School \$1,000, Marietta School \$1,000, Bell School \$1,500, First Christian Church Stilwell \$500, Jeremiah Foundation

\$1,000, Fairfield Community Building \$1,700. Councilor Shambaugh requested to correct Eucha Community Center to the Eucha Indian Organization. Councilor Nofire requested to the Tailholt Community Organization \$1,000 and \$1,000 to Drycreek Community Organization. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilor Shambaugh requested \$1,000 to the District 13 DA's office. Councilor Buzzard requested \$473 to NEO Security. The motion to approve carried.

ROADS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

A new list was provided. Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-090](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE SURPLUS SPECIALIZED BICYCLES TO TAHLEQUAH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [19-091](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #14-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020; MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [19-092](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Austin announced the Will Rogers Days will be held this Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:15 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Todd Enlow</i> | <i>David Moore</i> | <i>Kevin Stretch</i> |
| <i>Stephen Highers</i> | <i>Tralynna Scott</i> | <i>Taralee Montgomery</i> |
| <i>Diane Kelley</i> | <i>Jody Reece</i> | <i>Connie Chandler</i> |
| <i>Chrissi Nimmo</i> | <i>Chad Harsha</i> | <i>Debra Lack</i> |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| <i>Tim Brown</i> | <i>Teddye Snell</i> | <i>Chuck Garrett</i> |
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