



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair*

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Thursday, July 31, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Chair Taylor gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell and Janees Taylor

**Absent** 3 - Janelle Fullbright; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

**Late Arrival** 1 - Frankie Hargis

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the June 17th regular session minutes.**

**Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn announced the Principal Chief's proposed budget is complete and is currently being prepared for delivery to the Council. She provided an update on the Grant Services Department. She announced the single audit over our federal funds is complete and they have received yet another clean audit. She introduced Joel Haaser, our Audit Director from BKD. Mr. Haaser gave an overview of the audits provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the reports being marked confidential.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported they have had a strong June financially. He provided an update on all of the clinics and other projects. He announced they have started the paperwork for the South Coffeyville casino. They are also working hard on a mitigation plan for the upcoming expansion of the Creek's facility, Margaritaville. Councilor Cowan Watts requested copies of the justification for the sole source for HWH. Councilor Byrd inquired about Will Rogers Downs financially.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley showed the shirts that will be given to new employees at CNB who are hired through the program Cherokee Career Connections. She provided updates on the various ongoing projects. She gave clarification on the difference between the Day Work and On the Job Training Programs. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on funding received and announced in the newspaper. Councilor Keener requested an update on the GED.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance Conference will be held at NSU on October 7th. They have been busy working on strategic planning for the loan programs. Lou Slagle our Holiday Coordinator will be retiring at the end of this year. She provided an update on the equity of the agriculture loans as requested. Councilor Glory Jordan requested a report be provided next month showing the collateral used for the agriculture loans. Councilor Garvin inquired about the loan committee.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

*Mr. Reece announced there is one addition for the Rabbit Bunch/Old South Bunch Cemetery in Adair County. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*A new list has been provided for the Community Assistance. Mr. Reece gave the following changes: Lost City Community Organization for \$500 needs to be removed, the First Baptist Church for \$500 also needs to be removed, the donation to Farrell Prater amount needs to be changed to \$1,000, also need to add the Sequoyah High School Alumni Association for a total of \$2,000. Councilor Glory Jordan requested a correction for the Lowrey Fire Department to be split between the 3 Cherokee County Councilors. Councilor Hargis requested the addition of the Adair County Fair Board in the amount of \$350. Councilor Fishinghawk on behalf of Councilor Fullbright requested the addition of Roland School in the amount of \$1,000. Councilor Buzzard requested the addition of the Fairland Native Youth Club for \$500. Councilor Coates*

*requested the addition of the Cherokee Township of San Antonio in the \$400 to be split between the At Large Councilors. Councilor Baker moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*Mr. Reece announced there is a new list and there are additions. He gave an overview of the additions. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### ROADS

*Mr. Reece gave an overview of the roads list. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

*Mr. Reece apologized the report provided in the book is not correct and a corrected report will be provided.*

#### LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

*Mr. Reece announced there are no new livestock requests.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-074](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Mr. Reece gave an overview of Mod. 8 requested. Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [14-075](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 11a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Mr. Reece gave an overview of Mod. 11a as provided in substitute of Mod. 11. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion with a correction in item 8 for the additional funding to be from item 7 not item 4. After a few questions from Councilors the motion carried.**

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Councilor Glory Jordan requested to go back to Community Assistance consent items. She requested the addition of \$1,000 to be split by Districts 1, 2 and 3 to go to*

*Rural Water District #1. Councilor Hargis made a correction to the Adair County Fair Booster Club and not the Fair Board. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 4:26 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Penny Noiseworthy</i>	<i>Jamie Duffield</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Cheryl Brown</i>
<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Bill Horton</i>	<i>Madison Cornett</i>
<i>Harvey Chaffin</i>	<i>Ashley Fox</i>	<i>Lisa Long</i>
<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Joel Haaser</i>