



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, August 29, 2013

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Absent 1 - Lee Keener Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 15, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported they are preparing for the upcoming fiscal year and closing out FY2013. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Byrd requested she research and provide projections on the minimum wage increase proposal.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported they had a very good month of June. They have a couple of capital projects starting and the clinics are underway. They are refurbishing the original tower at Hard Rock. He reported they were pleased to provide the furniture for the Veteran's Center. Mr. Slaton invited everyone to the Annual Art Fair to be held

in October. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to what actions are being taken for those businesses not meeting expectations financially. She inquired about the impact of the UKB situation to them. Councilor Cowan Watts further inquired about the windfarm, the employee hours at Woodmark, if the hangar had been sold at the Tahlequah airport and the business plan for the Tahlequah golf course. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the land for the South Coffeyville casino has been placed in trust, any expenditures on that property and the number of acres.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they are working with CNE on placement and transportation for any UKB employees. They have been meeting with the Department of Labor on their five year contract at Job Corp. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there is any way to trigger when the MAP participants first fall behind with their mortgage. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the number of consumer loan application requests and the commercial loan application requests. Councilor Byrd inquired if they have looked for grants to fund the amphitheater. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the Cherokee Coin Series.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece reported the \$25,000 passed recently isn't reflected in the handout provided. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Mr. Reece gave the following updates to the list provided:
Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$200 – Vinita Teachers event
Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$122 – Adair Cherokee Association
Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$122 – Ketchum Cherokee Organization
Councilors Coates and Baker donated the balance of their accounts to CNF for At Large scholarships
Councilor Fullbright - \$500 – Warpony
Councilor Fullbright - \$300 – Redbird Ceremonial
Councilor Fullbright - \$1,000 – Atkins Baptist Church
Councilor Fullbright - \$500 – Brent Community Organization
Councilor Fullbright - \$345 – Central Public Schools JOM
Chair FISHINGHAWK - \$1,000 – Oakridge Cemetery
Chair FISHINGHAWK - \$2,000 – High School Scholarship fund
Chair FISHINGHAWK - \$680 – Fishing Club
Chair FISHINGHAWK - \$1,000 – Adair County Fair*

Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece gave the following update to the Roads report:

Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$2,500 – Craig County Sheriff

Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$2,500 – Craig County Emergency Management

Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$2,500 – Vinita Police Department

Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$2,500 – Nowata County Sheriff

Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$750 – South Coffeyville Police

Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$750 – South Coffeyville Emergency Management

Councilor Hoskin Jr. - \$750 – Town of Adair

Councilor Byrd moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the report. Councilor Thornton requested clarification on the major/minor collector roads versus the public roads in the new compact.

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the Sports Teams and the Livestock applications in Toto. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the Sports Teams and the Livestock applications in Toto. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-256](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TERO ACT SECTION 7 - TERO FEES FOR JOB TRAINING
Councilor Cowan Watts withdrew this item.
2. [TMP-262](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STATUS REVIEW OF ALL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
Speaker Glory-Jordan requested this be moved to the end of the agenda.
3. [TMP-275](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: HEALTH CLINIC AND HOSPITAL EXPANSION PLAN
Chair Fishinhawk moved this to the end of the agenda to allow the Health representatives to arrive.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-105](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS (ANA) FOR A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (SEDS) GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN ENTREPRENEUR AND JOB DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTER

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [13-106](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING - MOD 12b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of mod 12 requested. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.
3. [13-108](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #38-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve capital mod 4b which is a substitute from the version in the packets. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod requested. Councilor Cowan Watts requested details in regard to plans for these expansions and buildings. Councilor Glory-Jordan stated this is the time to determine if we want a new Council House.

The motion to approve carried with no opposition.
4. [TMP-281](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TERO LAW IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE

Chair Fishinghawk requested Ms. Kelley and Mr. Overacker give an overview of the status of the implementation of the new TERO law. Mr. Overacker reported the law is implemented. He stated they have met with CNE and the Attorney General's Office and they have set a retroactive date of June 1st to start the \$25 per day for non-Indians hired at the casinos and CNB businesses. They are going to report quarterly and pay quarterly the \$25 fees. Councilor Buzzard requested an update of the changes from the old TERO law to the new TERO law. After several questions and clarification concern was voiced for the June implementation date when the law was passed in September. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commented there was an emergency clause in the law and there seem to be three options: 1) do nothing and let the TERO office continue on the path they are on, 2) amend the law to reflect what the TERO office has implemented, 3) if it is felt they are in non-compliance take action.

After additional discussion Chair Fishinghawk requested they review starting with the October 1 instead of June 1st and report back in 90-days.

OLD BUSINESS

2. [TMP-262](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STATUS REVIEW OF ALL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested an update from Courtney Roark Thompson on the status of these checks being sent out.

Councilor Glory Jordan requested Ms. Thompson send out an email once all of the food pantry checks have been cut and for her to work with Councilor Taylor on the item from Mayes County to determine its resolve.

3. [TMP-275](#)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: HEALTH CLINIC AND HOSPITAL EXPANSION PLAN

Chair Fishinghawk opened this to questions of the Council to Ms. Davis. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the fitness rooms and equipment purchases. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to who is paying and who will have ownership. Councilors Fullbright and Thornton voiced concern for the renovation of the annex and who it was that made that determination. Councilor Hargis inquired about extended hours at the clinics for the fitness centers and if they would be open to public. Councilor Lay inquired about a fitness center in the Ochelata Clinic. Councilor Fullbright inquired about extended hours at the clinics. Chair Fishinghawk inquired about the meeting with Administration on the hospital and clinics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 26th at 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Coates introduced At Large Citizens Daniel Morris and Patsy Edgar from the Cherokees of Central Florida Organization.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:42 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>
<i>Robert Garcia</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Ed Crittenden</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Patsy Edgar</i>
<i>Danniel Morris</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>