



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, April 29, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Smith gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Shaw attended remotely.

Present 15 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan ; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Rex Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the March minutes as submitted.
Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Treasurer Scott offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired about taxation on our reservation. He inquired about the fees for housing inmates. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the Treasurer has an official opinion on whether Cherokee citizens should have to pay State taxes. Attorney General Hill answered question pertaining to state taxes. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the status of assisting the Honor Guard/Color Guard to keep their funding without individual taxations issues.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported March was an incredible month. The casino and gaming activities have improved substantially. On May 1 they will re-introduce poker operations and some of the self-service beverages at West Siloam and Hard Rock. In Catoosa and West Siloam they will re-introduce smoke shop gaming areas. In June they will open some of the meeting spaces. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about removing the mask mandate. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the timeline for the re-opening of the Joint.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the DOJ Re-Entry Program, Economic Development, and all of the training programs. She announced a ribbon cutting at the Stilwell office May 7th at 10:00 a.m. and the Pryor office will be scheduled in June. They are looking at a facility up north. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled in June for the trades programs. Councilor Legg inquired about the juvenile re-entry program. Councilor Austin commented on the success stories provided in the report.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight pointed out from the report they have approved \$2.5ml in business loans so far this year. She offered to answer questions from the report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Chair Taylor requested \$1,750 to Boys and Girls Club of Green Country. Councilor Duncan requested \$2,000 to Stilwell Soccer Club and \$2,000 to Cave Springs School. Councilor Crittenden requested \$250 to the Ozark Junior Rodeo Association. Councilor Vazquez requested \$500 to HTML Corp in Big Cabin. Councilor Deere requested \$500 to the North Mabee Boys and Girls Club. Councilor Nofire requested \$2,000 to the Cookson Hills Center United Methodist Mission. Councilor Legg made a motion to approve with the changes made. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilors Crittenden and Duncan requested their balances be split equally between the Adair County Sheriffs office, the Stilwell City Police Department, Westville City Police Department and the Watts City Police Department. Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece provided a revised list and announced a revision to that roads list. Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the new list provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [21-043](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - Mod. 7B; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Revised Mod. 7A was handed out. Councilor Deere made a motion to approve Mod. 7A. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Treasurer Scott gave an overview of the \$33ml allocation from CARES Act funding for Health. Councilor Dobbins inquired how Health plans to use the funding. A breakdown of the intended use of the funding was requested prior to approval at the May Council meeting. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:17 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Jody Reece*

*Tralynna Scott
Anna Knight*

*Todd Enlow
Bryan Warner*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell

Remote:

Chuck Garrett