



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack D. Baker, Chair

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Thursday, April 28, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hoskin Jr. gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Late Arrival 2 - Harley Buzzard and Meredith Frailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve the March 31st regular session minutes. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to include Community Assistance in the Consent items. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

Ms. June Butler offered to take questions back to Ms. Catcher.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart reported February was a challenging month with the blizzards and the loss of casino 3 at Catoosa. March however had almost a record in gaming. Each month an update will be provided showing decisions made by the board. The most significant items approved this month were the replacement of casino 3 at Catoosa, an additional 100 rooms in the new tower and the development of the Jay laundry. Russell Claybrook, a Cherokee, has been the CEO of CNI for approximately 5 months ago and has just been awarded a \$50ml contract in logistics. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if this may be a time to bring the total board members down to a smaller number. She inquired if there is a compelling reason to have a seventeen member board. Mr. Stewart stated the bylaws allow for a seventeen member board but they have only had a thirteen member board and now have an eleven member board. He offered to take the comments to the governance committee. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired why the support staff was required to have a gaming license. Mr. Stewart stated they have spoke to the Gaming Commission in regard to this issue. Councilor Fishinghawk requested they be kept apprised of the 100% Cherokee build requirement in regard to the three projects going out to bid. She inquired about the \$200,000 for a documentary. Mr. Stewart stated it is a corporate documentary with the Chickasaws and Choctaws also involved pertaining to Wilma Mankiller and some of her work in Cherokee country. Mr. Stewart introduced Mr. Don Williams of BK&D who did their audit for the past year. The audit report was given to the board at their last meeting. Mr. Williams gave an overview of their combined audit of Cherokee Nation Businesses. Mr. Stewart announced copies of the audit have been provided to the Council House.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced this is their busy time of the year and they are excited about their partnership with CNB in providing jobs. She commented they will be working with Cultural Tourism for some short term projects for the Day Work Program participants. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired how to notify Cherokees of the work at the Vinita Clinic project. Mr. Overacker stated Dale Gibson will be the compliance officer on the project. Councilor Fishinghawk requested she research to see if there were any available Cherokees for the two upper level positions recently filled. Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to extend this report time an additional 5 minutes. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if all of the Summer Youth positions have been filled. Ms. Kelley provided a handout with the contact information for the job bank.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to include a brief discussion regarding the battles at Cabin Creek land. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from her written report.

Historical Society - Carey Tilley

Mr. Tilley offered to answer questions from his written report.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Chair Jack D. Baker announced Ms. Gilliland was unable to attend today requested this report be given next month.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested Price cemetery be removed from the approval list this month. Councilor Fishinghawk requested the counties be included on the list. Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to table to the end of the consent items to allow time for the report to be reprinted. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced a revised law enforcement list has been provided. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced an amendment to the roads report has also been provided. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the community assistance recommendations provided. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded with a friendly amendment to include a \$1,500 donation to Operation Eagle from Councilor Cobb at his request. The amendment was accepted. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Chair Baker requested to continue with the agenda while waiting on the list to be reprinted.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-059](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Evans reported the mod has just over \$630,000 in grants this month and almost \$630,000 in budget increases. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Frailey seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard inquired about funds being received from I.H.S. for water and sanitation. Mr. Evans stated he would verify if the funds were received and report back.

The motion to approve carried by acclimation.

2. [TMP-173](#) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BATTLE OF CABIN CREEK LAND

Councilor Hoskin Jr. announced the Oklahoma Historical Society is having difficulty locating land to perform a historical reenactment of the Battle of Cabin Creek. The Civil War Trust is willing to put in half of the funds to purchase land in Adair County. Chair Jack D. Baker stated the question is if the Cherokee Nation should purchase the land or contribute. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested the Administration follow up and report back to this committee.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month for a recommendation from Chief Smith's office and action by this body. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans stated there has been a misunderstanding regarding to the cemetery recommendation spreadsheet. He stated the spreadsheet would need to be rebuilt to include the counties and could be emailed out at a later time.

Councilor Cowan Watts amended the motion for approval of the cemetery list to approve for now without Price cemetery and the list would be provided prior to full council showing the counties and districts. Councilor Glory-Jordan accepted. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested in regard to community assistance direction is given to Mr. Evans to move forward with the processing of the paperwork since they have been before this body. Mr. Evans stated the concern is if he has the approval to sign off on the paperwork and submit for payment prior to coming before this body for consent or wait to submit for payment once consent is granted by this body. Councilor Hoskin Jr. recommended waiting to submit for a check after approval is received from this body. Councilor Glory-Jordan voiced concern for the time sensitiveness of some of the requests. Chair Jack D. Baker stated the agenda could be amended at any committee for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*June Butler
Melanie Knight
Mike Miller
Caleb Fraizer*

*Anna Knight
Jon Overacker
Diane Kelley*

*Paula Ragsdale
Carey Tilley
Debra Lack*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*David Stewart
Robert Huffman*

*Todd Hembree
Don Williams*

Gina Olaya