



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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Tuesday, July 16, 2019

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Bryan Warner; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Shambaugh and Canaan Duncan

Absent 1 - Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve as submitted. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Steven Bilby of CNB Diversified Businesses reported in the absence of Mr. Slaton. He gave an update on the Diversified Businesses followed by a Powerpoint and video. He introduced employees Brad Barnhart and Paige Archambo. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the border control contract. He also inquired about a plan for CNI. Councilor Crittenden inquired about layoffs at CNI. Councilor Lay inquired about small Cherokee companies partnering with CNB and/or the Diversified Businesses. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the chances with the opportunity zones. Councilor Shaw inquired about the percentage of revenue from diversified and how much from gaming.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Jamie Cole

Mr. Cole offered to answer questions from the report provided. He gave appreciation to the Career Services Department for involving them in discussions regarding the tribal TANF plan scheduled to roll out in October. Councilor Byrd inquired if former Treasurer Horn would be assisting in the budget process. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the number of CPA's in the tribal government and of those how many are Cherokee.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on their outreach efforts for the new programs with information booths set up at several recent festivals in the jurisdiction. She invited everyone to the luncheon this Friday for the Summer Youth Kids and Interns. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced the Spider Gallery was just voted Tahlequah's Best Art Gallery. She went over a few location changes for the Holiday this year. She offered to answer questions from the report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new Community Assistance list has been provided. Mr. Reece read a list of requests from Councilor Walkingstick; Tailholt \$500, Woodall \$500, Tenkiller \$500, Drycreek \$538, Sequoyah \$1,000, Tahlequah \$500, Keys \$500, New Greenleaf Church \$500, Boudinot \$500, Elm Tree \$500, Calvary \$500, Johnson \$500, and the Cherokee Baptist Association \$500. Councilor Byrd requested \$500 to Steeley Hollow Community and \$500 to Rocky Ford Community. Councilor Hatfield requested a correction on Josh Padget to change to the organizations name. Councilor Warner requested \$1,000 to the Marble City Food Pantry. Councilor Smith requested \$595 to the Marble City Food Pantry. Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Crittenden requested \$519 to the Westville Police Department. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the Council all donating to purchase security cameras at CDC. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hatfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Smith moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Lay moved to approve the new list. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-042](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO CHEROKEE COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT # 8
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [19-044](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO CALVARY INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [19-043](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [19-045](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. IN NOWATA COUNTY
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. [19-046](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick moved to amend to include to acts for discussion and possible action; the first is an act establishing a pay increase for employees of the Cherokee Nation and its entities and the second act is where the funds would come from for the raises. He provided a handout of household incomes by county throughout our jurisdiction. Councilor Byrd inquired where the graph came from. Councilor Attorney Blakestad stated before discussion we need a second on the motion to amend. Councilor Lay seconded the motion to amend.

Following questions the motion to amend the to include the employee pay raise act failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 6 - Buel Anglen; Shawn Crittenden; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard and Mary Baker Shaw

Nay: 10 - Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Canaan Duncan

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to amend the agenda to increase the general corporation act 10% for employee pay raises. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion.

Following discussion the motion to amend the agenda failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 5 - Buel Anglen; Shawn Crittenden; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard and Mary Baker Shaw

Nay: 11 - Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Canaan Duncan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Taylor confirmed the Budget Hearings are scheduled for August 19th and 20th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shambaugh moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:36 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Debra Lack</i>
<i>Brenda Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Suzanne Drywater</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

Cheryl Parish

Paige Archambo

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad

Charles Gourd

Steven Bilby

Gary Cooper

Brad Barnhart