



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, September 26, 2013

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Absent 1 - Lee Keener Jr.

Late Arrival 2 - Cara Cowan Watts and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the August 12th special session, August 19th budget hearings and the August 29th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Thornton moved to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible action of Cherokee Nation smoke shops. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported they are very busy with the year end and preparing for FY2014. She reported forthcoming in the near future will be the Popular Annual Financial

Report or PAFR. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the employees receiving their raises in a lump sum. Councilor Fullbright inquired about the annual Christmas bonus. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the sequestration and the cash reserve. Chair Fishinghawk requested Ms. Horn research groups hiring when the positions were not listed in the budgets.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Doug Evans reported in the absence of Mr. Slaton. He reported for the month of July and commented they fell below their goal in net income primarily due to the gaming group. They are at 75.3% Cherokee and 7% other Native American for a total of 82.2% Native American employment. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the health care projects funding for the clinics and how the process would work. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they have closed on the property in Delaware County. He also inquired if they have purchased any alternative energy vehicles for their fleet. Chair Fishinghawk inquired how the Council could go about commending the CNB Board. Councilor Fullbright requested a status update on Blue Ribbon Downs.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they have been working with CNB on the Day Training Positions at Catoosa, Roland and West Siloam Springs. The shutdown of the Day Training Program will not affect those at CNB. She commented they would be drug testing the Day Training participants. She announced she hasn't received a draft agenda for NCAI at this time. She gave an overview of the activities planned for the week at the NCAI Conference. Ms. Kelley reported at the recommendation of some of the Councilors they have scheduled a field day in Nowata and Bartlesville twice a month and in Vinita three days a week. Councilor Glory Jordan commended Ms. Kelley on her hard work in bringing NCAI to Tulsa.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided a handout showing the number of commercial and consumer loans we have. She reminded everyone of the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Summit on October 8th.

Historical Society - Mike Kelley / Susan Chapman Plumb

No one was present to report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Chair Fishinghawk announced JX Cattle Company, LLC has requested to be removed from the approval list. Councilor Byrd moved to approve as amended. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece announced a revised list has been provided. Councilor Thornton requested The Beggs Community Building in the amount of \$512 be replaced with the Gore Methodist Food Pantry. Councilor Lay requested \$250 to the Washington County Cherokee Group and \$250 to the Noweta Cherokee Group. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to table this to the end of the agenda. Chair Fishinghawk agreed to move to the end of the agenda. Councilor Taylor requested the \$1,000 unspent in Mayes County be redirected to the Mayes County Sheriff.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece announced there are no law enforcement requests this month.

ROADS

Mr. Reece announced a revised roads list has been provided and gave an update on the changes. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on the roads funding carryover. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece announced there are no new additions this month. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired how this process works. Councilor Lay requested all of the consent item policies be provided by email. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the community youth grant. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-120](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 OPERATING - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Mr. Reece provided an overview of FY2014 operating budget mod 1. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

2. [13-121](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 CAPITAL - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Mr. Reece gave an overview of FY2014 capital budget mod 1. Councilor Glory

Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

3. [TMP-291](#) DISCUSSION OF THE TERO LAW

Ms. Elizabeth Odell from the Attorney General's office requested an additional month for preparation on this item. Councilor Hargis moved to table. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [TMP-292](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION SMOKE SHOPS

Councilor Thornton commented the subsidy is scheduled to end this month. He made a motion for the subsidy for the smoke shops be carried over until the new tobacco compact is negotiated. After discussion was held and questions regarding funding Councilor Lay moved to table for two months. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Cowan Watts, Fishinghawk and Thornton opposed and Councilor Taylor abstaining.

CONSENT ITEMS:

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Byrd provided a handout pertaining to the Amphitheatre and commented it would be an agenda item next month for consideration.

Mr. Reece provided an updated community assistance report with everyone listed with a zero balance. Councilor Walkingstick requested to redirect Keys First Baptist Church to Keys FFA. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 31st at 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Glory Jordan announced the Cherokee county community meeting will be held on October 28th at the Tahlequah Community Building.

Chair Fishinghawk announced a community meeting in Stilwell on October 8th.

Councilor Fullbright announced they would be having a community meeting in Sallisaw on October 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:34 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Lacy Horn</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>
<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ruth Ann Weaver

Doug Evans

Dianne Barker Harrold

Ollie Starr

Harvey Chaffin

Gina Olaya

Bill Horton