



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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Wednesday, November 13, 2019

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:00.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

Late Arrival 1 - Rex Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve the October minutes as submitted.

Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the September financials. An update was given on gaming in Arkansas. Chair Taylor requested additional information on the significant increase in other revenue from FY18 to FY19. Councilor Byrd inquired if we are back on track at the Ft. Gibson Casino. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the approval process with the letters of support from the Arkansas Gaming Commission. Councilor Shaw commented on the signs promoting the Roland Casino on I-40 being blocked by trees. Councilor Nofire inquired about the plan for the pond and land around the Tahlequah casino. Councilor Shaw inquired why we didn't build our own hotel at the Cherokee Plaza in Tahlequah, she inquired of the land for the hotel was leased or sold. She

commented on the color scheme of the hotel. Councilor Byrd inquired about new recruits at the plaza shopping strip.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Ms. Scott announced the supplemental financial packet through September 30th has been provided. They are preparing for the audit. She announced the statutory dividend from CNB is sitting at \$55.6ml. Ms. Scott she reported they are prioritizing cost savings. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired about groups or departments where social security is withheld. Councilor Byrd inquired about the joint venture drawn down timeline and the IHS loan draw down. Councilor Deere requested clarification on the eliminations referred to in the financials.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the Muskogee office move. They are looking to move locations within the Mid America Industrial Park in Pryor. Ms. Kelley announced they are working with over 1,114 clients they are working with through their department not including TANF. She reported on the rapid response teams to locate jobs for displaced workers. The case managers, compliance, and coordinators for TANF have all been hired and are in training. Ms. Kelley gave an overview of the intent of her programs. The Governor is releasing inmates from the penal system and they are looking to help. Councilor Legg inquired if we had considered an in-house DUI assessment and school. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is a way to determine how many of the inmates being released are Cherokee citizens. He inquired about the cost of a DUI school/program.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced the Engage Expo for Small Businesses is the same day as the TERO Banquet. Along with Ms. Kelley she is working on a Construction Summit for construction contractors in the Spring. They have also been working with NORA on a grant for an inclusive development network they received. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Chair Taylor requested the addition of \$500 to the Mayes County Blue Star Mothers and \$500 to the Rogers County Blue Star Mothers. Councilor Duncan requested the addition of Sanders Flat Baptist Church for \$700, Westville Public School for \$400, Maryetta School for \$200 and Stilwell Public Schools \$200. Councilor Austin requested \$500 to the Christ United Methodist Church in Claremore and \$500 to the Emanuel Baptist Church Claremore. Councilor Crittenden requested \$1,000 to the Safe House Foundation. Councilor Deere requested \$500 to the Owasso Indian Education.

Councilor Nofire requested \$1,000 to Woodall Public Schools. Councilor Duncan moved to approve as amended. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Nothing new to approve.

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Ms. Taralee Montgomery announced there are additions from Councilors Duncan, Deere and Austin not included in the report that will be emailed this afternoon. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the special projects process. Following discussion and clarification it was determined this would be listed for reporting purposes under the consent items.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-097](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 3: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:51 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Kelley

Jamie Cole

Anna Knight

Connie Chandler

Debra Lack

Chrissi Nimmo

Tralynna Scott

Tina Glory Jordan

Loretta Keener

Jody Reece

Todd Enlow

Connie Parnell

Taralee Montgomery

VISITORS PRESENT:

Chuck Garrett

Teddy Snell

Tim Brown