



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 17, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the July 29th PAC and the July 30th regular meeting minutes. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported they had a really good May and an okay June. He provided an update on the Roland, Ochelata, Stilwell and Jay projects. Councilor Buzzard gave appreciation for the Jay Laundry facility and inquired about the vacant property behind the location. He inquired about the Grove property uses and status. Councilor Thornton inquired if they are allowed to trim trees along I-40 where our signage is located. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about meeting with the Gaming Commission in regard to the new law implementations. He requested a timeline of events at the Cherokee Springs Plaza. Chair Taylor inquired if there would be a soft opening for the hotel at Roland to allow a few floors to open or if it would wait until all floors are open. Councilor Lay inquired about the punch list at Ochelata. Councilor Thornton inquired about the policy regarding elected officials participating in gaming within our facilities. Councilor Garvin inquired if there is signage for our Roland facility in Arkansas. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the outlet mall.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn commented the two rather large white binders each Councilor has been provided is the 2016 budget proposal set for hearings on August 31st. She reported they are busy with the yearend process. They have both internal and external auditors on site. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley commented on TERO construction fairs held in the past to help our TERO construction crews get jobs on our projects. She introduced Jon Smith and Willard Mounce from our TERO office. She gave a brief overview of the orientation for the Councilors tomorrow. The graduation for Job Corp will be held this Friday. A job fair for Macy's will be held on August 25th. She reminded everyone to let their communities know about the Holiday parade to showcase their area. Open house is scheduled here at the complex on Saturday of the Holiday. A job fair for the Hard Rock facility will be held on September 2nd. The Annual TERO Vendor Fair and Banquet is scheduled for November 19th.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided copies of the Holiday schedule and map. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor inquired if the new welding business in the report was one of the welding school graduates.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve with the two additions for Councilor Jordan as stated by Mr. Reece. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

There weren't any new applications submitted for approval.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-068](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 12B; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the substitute Mod.12a. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Mr. Jody Reece gave an overview of the modification requested and the change from 12 to 12a. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Garvin commented there will be several district community meetings coming up and stated it is difficult for the programs to cover multiple events in one evening. He gave everyone a heads up his community meeting is scheduled for October 27th at the Three Rivers Clinic in Muskogee.

Councilor Buzzard inquired if an amendment was needed for the budget modification for education scholarship funds.

Ms. Diane Kelley announced the binders being handed out are for the orientation tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Jon Smith</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shawn Slaton
Larry Horn

Teddy Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold