



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Thursday, October 28, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Callison gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve the September PAC and regular session minutes. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave an update on the financials and the gaming in Arkansas court case. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Dobbins inquired about a realistic timeline for gaming in Arkansas.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor reported they are working on the end of the fiscal year closeouts. They continue to send out assistance payments to citizens. She reported on a Federal Reserve Financial Literacy Program which incorporates tribal cultures into the training.

Councilor Crittenden inquired about the results of a survey. Chair Austin inquired as to the current count of population that has been served with the assistance payments. Councilor Smith requested the information be made public.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced over the last week they visited with a company looking to expanding into the Cherokee Nation reservation, this could possibly be an additional one hundred and fifty employees. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Mr. Stephen Highers reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. Chair Austin inquired about the percentage of default loans.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Chair Austin inquired if anyone needs to bring attention to any of the consent items.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Dobbins requested clarification on elective travel carryover.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

Mr. Reece announced new ARPA roads funding would be added to each of the fifteen in-reservation Councilors accounts next month.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [21-104](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reece announced he has conflicts on meeting days in November and December, he requested if there are any questions pertaining to the budget modifications to get with him prior to the meeting day.

Chair Austin reminded everyone of the Going Away Reception for Todd Enlow today in the Ballroom

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:07 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Jody Reece Janees Taylor Diane Kelley
Camerin Fite James Taralee Montgomery Stephen Highers*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young Teddye Snell Chuck Garrett