



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair*

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Thursday, June 28, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Frankie Hargis

**Late Arrival** 2 - Curtis Snell and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the May 31st regular session minutes, the May 31st TERO subcommittee minutes and the May 31st PAC subcommittee minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to add a report from the Elders in Need program following the regular reports. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the contingency reserve.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the April profitability. The gaming results continue to be strong with another record month in May. They plan to open the Ramona project on August 28th. The Catoosa casino construction project is experiencing a thirty-day delay. They will be putting together an expansion plan for recruiting for the casinos as they open. Job fairs have been scheduled for Bartlesville on July 11th, Ramona July 18th, July 24th at Bartlesville, and again in Ramona on the 8th of August. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about contracts CNB has entered into with Kaly Free and Dane Stawther.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported in joint efforts they are working with CNB and CNI to recruit for some of their businesses and some potential businesses. She introduced Caleb Frazier who is going to be transferred to the TERO Program. She announced they will be monitoring and reporting on MOA, MOU and sole sources. She stated they would have a career day at the Job Corp Center next Tuesday for the Summer Youth kids. She provided a brief update on the Summer Youth program. Councilor Byrd requested providing training for machinest as there is a shortage.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced the Art Center has two tenants now and both have experience 100% increase in their sales since opening in the center. They have received notification they been awarded a business enterprise grant for \$250,000 to purchase equipment for the artist to use and share. The grant will also fund a coffee shop located in the Art Center.*

Elders in Need Program update

*Councilor Lay voiced concern for the lack of notice given in regard to the Elders in Need meeting held this morning at 9:00 in Nowata. He stressed that the outlying areas within the fourteen county jurisdiction are also just as important. He inquired if the applications taken first here at the complex would receive precedence. Both Ms. Laurie Hand and Ms. Lisa James provided an update of the program, the process used and the reasoning for the locations visited. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested notification be given to the Council if they should run low on funds. They are still accepting applications through this Friday and will be making home visits next week. Ms. James announced they would be returning to the northern areas to take applications in two weeks and publications will go out in the newspapers.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the denial of Terrapin Design. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve as presented. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

*Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Mr. Evans provided a handout of the community assistance requests. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve with the addition of \$520 each from himself and Councilor Lay to Copan Public Schools. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Lay added \$1,000 to the Washington County Cherokee Organization. Councilor Glory-Jordan added \$250 each from herself, Councilor Byrd and Councilor Walkingstick to the Center for Tribal Studies at Northeastern State University. The motion to approve as amended carried.*

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*Mr. Evans gave an overview of the law enforcement requests provided. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the penny remaining in Councilor Walkingstick's balance be given to the Cherokee County Sheriff's office. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

ROADS

*Mr. Evans gave a review of the roads requests. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-083](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
*Mr. Evans announced CNB had declared a special capital improvement dividend and was received in to the Nation as a wire yesterday in the amount of \$9,242,062. He stated the request is to transfer \$1.6ml of this to complete the Veterans Center and the remaining is restricted to the Capital Improvement Reserve. He stated this would need to be considered along with the actual mod packages for amendment. He gave an overview of the Mod 10 operating budget request. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve with the impact of the dividend declaration and the requested use of funds. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested clarification as to the placement of the special dividend being placed in the operating budget. Councilor Thornton called for the question. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts called point of order. Chair Fishinghawk due to time constraints limited debate to a few minutes per councilor. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a copy of the revised business case of CNB as well as in writing of how this impacts the business case, if there were changes made and which insurance funds these monies are from. Councilor Glory-Jordan gave some clarification from information she obtained at the CNB Board meeting held*

*yesterday.*

**The motion to approve the mod as amended carried with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed.**

2. [12-075](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Mr. Evans gave an overview of Capital Mod 4. He announced in reference to Councilor Baker's question earlier, Treasurer Horn is okay with doing a mid-year re-class of the accounting unit to move the capital improvement reserve budget and treat it as a capital accounting unit. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.*

**The motion to approve carried with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m.  
Councilor Garvin requested the CNB advisory board members report back to the other Council members.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:30 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>David Southerland</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Laurie Hand</i>	<i>Lisa James</i>
<i>Dianna Turtle</i>	<i>Caleb Frazier</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Natalie Ostrander</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>
<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Barbara Knowlton</i>	