



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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Tuesday, November 17, 2020

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Shaw and Coates attended remotely.

Present 13 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

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

Late Arrival 3 - Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh and Joe Deere

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the October minutes as submitted.
Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Duncan inquired when the schools are virtual and the parents must stay home is there a special policy due to COVID or is it just use the time you have. Mr. Stephen Bilby provided a Powerpoint presentation on the diversified businesses and then offered to answer questions. Councilor Deere inquired about margins to other contractors.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Ms. Scott reported they haven't had their first close for this year yet to be able to report on those numbers. She reported is working closely with the courts and the Marshal Service to determine how to pay for the effects of the McGirt decision. They will be submitted additional modification requests to assist with the funds needed. They will need to use the carryover funding. They are looking at long term solutions for the funding shortfalls due to McGirt. She announced taxation is one of those possibilities. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired if taxation would be sales, property, or income taxes. Councilor Deere inquired if we should look for properties within our jurisdiction in high tax brackets. He inquired if all of our reservation land is now considered trust land. Councilor Shambaugh commented on the reference U.S. AG Barr made while here that is would be common sense that the tribe would get taxes. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the estimation of Cherokee Nation employees and CNB employees who pay state taxes. Councilor Byrd inquired about the projections on sales and land taxes by district.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the report provided. She provided an update on how they will be presenting the TERO Award Banquet virtually. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Duncan inquired if a training program has been started for laying fiber optic. He inquired if instructors were needed.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She stated since 2010 they have funded 334 businesses creating over 1,500 jobs. She provided information on the community loan program.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Councilor Austin requested the addition of \$1,000 to Emanuel Baptist of Claremore and \$1,000 to Christ United Methodist Church of Claremore. Councilor Buzzard requested \$500 to the Jay wrestling program. Councilor Legg requested \$1,000 to the Vian Peace Center. Councilor Deere move to approve the list as amended. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No new requests were submitted. Mr. Reece mentioned these funds are from motor vehicle tax and are usually received in January.

ROADS

Mr. Reece announced an additional road project from Councilor Shambaugh for \$21,000. Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [20-084](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [20-085](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Chair Taylor requested clarification on the cares act funding.
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Byrd commented even though this has been a difficult year the Cherokee Nation employees and CNB employees still received their yearend bonuses.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:03 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jody Reece Taralee Montgomery Todd Enlow

Remote:
Diane Kelley *Tralynna Scott*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Remote:
Stephen Bilby *Chuck Garrett*