



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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Thursday, April 25, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Smith gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Bryan Warner; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh and Canaan Duncan

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the March 28th minutes as submitted. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton commented on the new Tahlequah casino tour and dinner. He stated the grand opening would coincide with the fishing tournament weigh-in events starting May 17th. They are beginning the exterior remodel at the Hard Rock. He provided an update on the Saline Courthouse renovation and the caretaker home. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the timeline for Saline.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Jamie Cole

Treasurer Horn introduced Joel Haaser our auditor from BKD. The comprehensive annual report along with the single audit report were provided to the Council. Ms. Horn

gave a brief explanation of both documents and requested Mr. Haaser give an overview from the auditors perspective. Following a few questions Ms. Horn introduced her staff in attendance. She reported they have already began the FY2020 budget process with a due date for submittal by programs of May 20th. She announced Gaylon Thompson is retiring. Last week Ms. Horn spoke on a panel for the U.S. Treasury of Tribal Advisory Committee in Portland. While in Portland she participated on an advisory panel for governmental accounting standards board. She announced she would be stepping down from her position as the Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation on May 17th to spend the summer with her family.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley commented it is easier to get grants when we have clean audits. She stated the report provided in the packet is an overview of all of their new programs. Kim Carroll and Matt Lamont names were submitted for placement on the Department of Labor Indian Native Americans Programs Advisory Counsel. They hosted a NORA board meeting last week in Pryor. They continue with the Health recruitment fairs. Three staff members will be attending the Oklahoma University Economic Development Training. They will be presenting to the Oklahoma State Workforce Conference next week. They are gearing up for the Census. She announced the Safety Fair will be held tomorrow in the One Fire Field. She provided a Career Service Management and Staff contact information packet and added they are working on one for the Job Corp. Chair Taylor inquired if she had received any feedback on the reboot/rebuild event held in Pryor.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported on the Youth Entrepreneurship Fair held over the last two weeks. She also provided highlights from this year's VITA program. They have received a small grant from the National Endowment for Arts in which they will be collaborating with Indian Child Welfare. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the grant is only for Tahlequah.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Chair Taylor requested the \$250 donation for the tear dress competition under Councilor Austin be moved to come from her funds. Councilor Shambaugh \$2,200 to Piney Baptist. Councilor Vazquez requested clarification on a donation to Vinita High School. Councilor Austin requested \$700 to RSU Foundation. Councilor Crittenden requested \$800 to Bell School and \$1,000 to the Jeremiah Foundation. Councilor Duncan requested \$100 to Jeremiah Foundation. Councilor Walkingstick requested 1,000 to Keys Public Schools. Councilors Walkingstick and Byrd to split \$500 to the Dry Creek Community Building. Councilor Smith \$400 to Nowalls Church and \$416 to Gods Blessings Closet. Councilor Duncan moved to approve as amended. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

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

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new items to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-026](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 0 MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shambaugh requested a moment to provide some clarification on an allegation brought forward in February 2019 by a Councilor member toward another Councilor and a lease agreement with the Cherokee Nation.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:58 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Cliff Powell</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Debra Lack</i>	<i>Penny Noiseworthy</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>
<i>Loretta Keener</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Brandy James</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shawn Slaton
Joel Haaser

Teddye Snell

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad