



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Janees Taylor, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*  
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Thursday, August 30, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Jordan gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent** 1 - Shawn Crittenden

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve the July 10th regular session minutes. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton thanked Councilor Lay for pointing out an oversight when they updated their hiring preference policy. He provided an update on the Cherokee Plaza with the opening scheduled for May 1st. On May 15th the Bass Masters will be held at Lake Ft. Gibson with a weigh in scheduled at Cherokee Plaza. An OG&E Sub station is being built for the plaza. An update was given on the retail portion of the plaza. The topping out for the Hard Rock expansion is scheduled with a free Mark Chestnut concert at the Joint following. There is no longer a lagoon at the Will Rogers Downs facility. Financially it has been a strong summer. The Osage opened their new hotel and casino yesterday. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Shaw inquired about the number of seats in the Joint. She also requested an update on the possible*

*gaming in Arkansas. Councilor Lay requested an update on the J-turn at the Ramona casino. He also inquired about the possibility of a permanent structure at Coffeyville. Councilor Byrd inquired about a hotel at the plaza. He also inquired about the convention center with theater seating at the plaza. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the dirt being hauled away from the plaza property. Councilor Lay inquired if the new facility is on time and on budget. He also requested additional clarification on the theater and hotel. Councilor Walkingstick also voiced concern for not having a theater type setting. Councilor Smith inquired about a music offering at the plaza facility.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn gave appreciation for the cooperation given during the budget hearing process. They are preparing for the fiscal year end. The auditors are on site now. She gave appreciation to her staff for their hard work and long hours during our national holiday. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the audit also includes CNB. Councilor Warner gave appreciation for the assistance with a grant. Chair Taylor commented on the budget process.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported they will have a recruitment event during the holiday open house. They have submitted for a three year \$8ml Department of Labor grant. They met with the Creek Nation in regard to the TANIF Program boundaries. The Career Services Department is very busy with the upcoming holiday events. The Fire Program is in California and Arizona assisting with the fires. She provided an update on the training programs. They are considering a fast track apprenticeship program. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the child support boundary issues.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She took the opportunity to give appreciation for going above and beyond during the Cherokee National Holiday to Facilities Management and Financial Resources. She provided a copy of the holiday schedule for this year. She offered to answer any questions.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

**A new community assistance list was provided. Chair Taylor requested \$500 to the Cedar Grove Church. Mr. Reece requested the addition of \$1,000 to Grandview School from Speaker Byrd. He also requested for Councilor Walkingstick to reduce Dry Creek to \$3833 and adding \$500 to Cherokee County 4H. Councilor Lay requested \$1,000 to Noweta Cherokees. Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Councilor Austin raised question of the 51% Cherokee requirement. He requested visiting the policy to consider amendments.**

ROADS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-061](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO ORCHARD ROAD COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN ADAIR COUNTY  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [18-062](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO ADAIR COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN ADAIR COUNTY  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve and requested a correction in the title to reflect Adair County. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
3. [18-063](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO DELAWARE COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN DELAWARE COUNTY  
**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4. [18-064](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. NOWATA COUNTY  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. [18-065](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 12; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:55 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>
<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Suzanne Drywater</i>	<i>Rachael Fore</i>
<i>Nikki Limore</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Phyllis Lay</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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