



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 26, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; 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 and Mike Shambaugh

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 1 - Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 29th regular session minutes.

Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave appreciation to the employees of CNB for reaching an all-time record for the month. He reported on the monthly financials. He gave highlights on the road construction and new casino build at Cherokee Plaza development. Mr. Slaton provided an update on the Sprung structure at the Hard Rock. In regard to Cultural Tourism the replica pavilion in Tahlequah should be ready no later than the first of July. The interior of our supreme courthouse renovations will soon be underway. Bids have been solicited to see the cost to renovate the Saline courthouse interior. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the financials given. He also inquired how properties are identified for

renovation. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the possible renovation at the Saline courthouse. He inquired about estimated income with the ball and dice gaming changes. Lastly he asked about the possible expansion of the hotel at the Grove casino. Councilor Shaw inquired which casinos are making a profit. She also asked how often the CNB Board meets. Councilor Lay inquired about the Ramona and South Coffeyville casino upgrades in the near future. Councilor Crittenden voiced concern with the communication with the CNI employees. Councilor Smith commented on the machine placement at Hard Rock. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the CNB Board participates in the bonuses. Councilor Byrd inquired about a future plan for Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the number of jobs at the new Tahlequah casino. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the restaurants within the new Tahlequah casino. Councilor Buzzard asked about the timeline for the replacement of sprung structure.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported they are formulating budgets for FY2019. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw inquired if there were funds included with the donation from the Brenda Walker Trust.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley introduced our Project Director from the Dallas Regional Office, Cynthia Green. Ms. Kelley reported Friday was the deadline for summer youth applications. The summer youth is a six week program this year. They are collaborating with Health to recruit for the coding positions needed. The State Accreditation Officer for the State Department of Education was at our Job Corp center last week for our recertification. Next week four of our employees will be in San Antonio to receive their Economic Development Certification through Ouedi. She reported they will have a resource tent at the Stilwell Strawberry Festival. She provided highlights on two grants they are working on. Councilor Walkingstick requested additional information on the coding program.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported on the highlights from the Youth Entrepreneur day recently held. Chair Taylor requested an update on the pending grants. She requested clarification on the location for the business entrepreneur workshops in Pryor. Lastly she requested additional information on the Cherokee cultural art classes at ICW.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided and amended as follows: from Councilor Lay – Children’s Community Church \$1,000, Allowee Church \$1,000 and Nowata Baptist Church \$1,000 and from Councilor Crittenden – Cherokee National Treasurers Association \$1,000, Jeremiah Foundation \$1,000, Bell School \$1,500, and

Stilwell FFA \$500. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided. Chair Taylor requested the addition of \$3,500 to Choteau Police Department and \$1,000 to the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service. Councilor Crittenden requested \$7,615 to the Stilwell Police Department. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the changes to the roads report. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez 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. [18-033](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 8A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve substitute Mod. 8a. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Debra Lack</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Kim Teehee</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Brandon Scott</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shawn Slaton
Cynthia Green

Charles Gourd
Tahlina Nofire Blakestad

Teddy Snell