



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, May 26, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez;
Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay;
David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 28th regular session minutes.
Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave an overview of the March financials. He gave an update on the projects including the spa at Hard Rock, the Outpost and clinics. Mr. Slaton announced there have been changes in the Tulsa gaming market. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification as to which portion of Cherokee Springs Plaza would be in trust status. Councilor Hargis inquired if the golf course would be closed for any period of time during the Cherokee Springs Plaza construction. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the electronic signs at the clinics. He also inquired about the water issues in Grove for the new casino. He also requested confirmation for the topping out ceremony at the Grove casino. Councilor Byrd inquired if there would be any retail plans for the Grove area. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the road issues at Grove where the casino will be located.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced their major project currently is the FY2017 budget. Chair Taylor requested the table showing the awards to TERO vendors and non TERO vendors have a column added showing the number of sole source contracts going out each month and an amount. Ms. Horn announced they are currently bidding out our audit services.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced the summer program is in full swing with over 500 kids and a waiting list. She gave an update on the Youth Leadership program. They are working with CNB on some economic development projects. They continue to work with Macy's, and other area commerce's. She commented if the prospects all work out they will create over 3,000 jobs in the northern counties. The EODD annual meeting will be held at the Talking Leaves Job Corp in June. The National Employment and Training Conference will be in Reno, Nevada in August. The Summer Youth Interns banquet will be held in July. The NCAI Mid-Year Conference is the 27th through the 30th of June. Councilor Byrd requested a list of who may be going to NCAI in regard to our staff.

Chief Baker requested a moment to introduce guest Chief Patrick Lambert of the Eastern Band of the Cherokees.

Ms. Kelley announced a job fair June 15th at the Sam Hider Clinic in Jay for AST Storage. Chair Taylor commented on the re-entry participant featured in the report this month.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported the commercial loans are doing very well this year. She gave an overview of the One Stop Center where the bids are placed. She pointed out in the report where it shows the bid awards to TERO vendors. Councilor Byrd requested a feasibility study at Markoma for a coffee shop and/or smoothie bar.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Chair Taylor announced the list provided in the book have no trust ownership. She stated there has been a separate sheet of the business with a minority trust ownership for consideration. She inquired informally by a show of hands of how many Councilors are absolutely opposed to having any trust businesses certified. Clarification was requested.

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve the certification list as provided in the book only. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Additional discussion was held in regard to the history of the partially trust owned businesses and the effects of trust ownership. Ms. Kelley stated they need to know how to move forward with these minority trust businesses up for re certification. The current law states if you are 51% Native American you can be TERO certified and it doesn't state what the other 49% is made up of in ownership. Attorney General

Hembree gave some clarification. A proposed TERO Act amendment was provided by email. After additional discussion was held Councilor Hargis suggested repealing the last amendment and go back to the law stating 51% Indian ownership to be certified. Councilor Anglen agreed.

Councilor Baker commented this is a premature discussion as this proposed legislation change isn't on the agenda. He made a motion to table the 3 pending trust certifications until the law is amended to provide more clarification. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the 3 TERO certifications with a minority trust ownership. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with opposition from Councilors Baker and Lay.

Chair Taylor provided clarification to Attorney General Hembree that next month for Rules Committee the Council wants legislation repealing the last amendment and not do the percentage.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

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

ROADS

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Chair Taylor announced there aren't any new items for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-074](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #16-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPTIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

2. [16-075](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested clarification on the Skinner family trust. Chair Taylor gave explanation for her not being able to sponsor this modification. After discussion was held and clarifications were provided the motion to approve carried with Chair Taylor opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the aquaponics project.

Councilor Walkingstick introduced the State Director of Indian Education, Dwight Pickering, in attendance along with the Director of Cultural Studies for Oklahoma University, Jacob Sootie.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:28 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Dawni Squirrel</i>
<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Penny Noiseworthy</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>
<i>Kim Tehee</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Forrest Cox</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Patrick Lambert</i>