



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, December 15, 2015

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell;
Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden;
Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Absent 3 - Frankie Hargis ; Buel Anglen and Dick Lay

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the November 16th regular session and the PAC sub minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported they finished 2015 very strong. 2016 will be a year of a lot of stiff competition coming into the gaming market. He provided an update on the clinic projects. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the status of the outlet mall.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported the donation website is up and running and is a terrific way to give a charitable donation. She stated the deadline for requesting surplus items from the warehouse is the 18th of this month. She offered to answer questions from the report

provided. Chair Taylor inquired if the donations go to general fund or if they are specified. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the bank fees.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Mr. Daryl Legg and Brenda Fitzgerald reported for Ms. Kelley. Mr. Legg announced they have a meeting scheduled on the 21st in Jay with a storage company looking to hire 100 positions. Schwan's is looking at a possible expansion in Stilwell. They are competing for the H1V grant which will intensify some of our programs already in existence. Ms. Fitzgerald announced in two weeks Career Services will be fully staffed. They have a diversified job fair scheduled next month in Siloam Springs. They offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they are working with four counties through a USDA strategic planning program to strengthen their economic development. They are also working with NORA to update their fourteen county regional plan. She reported on the trust authority referred to in the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the reports provided.

Historical Society - Candessa Tehee

Ms. Tehee provided the quarterly report. She introduced Callie Chunestudy as the new curator. A genealogist will begin working in January. The next board meeting is scheduled for the 15th of January. Councilor Vazquez inquired how long the Talking Leaves exhibit will be available. Councilor Byrd inquired about the number of board members at this time.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez inquired about Timber Hill cemetery. The motion to approve the list as submitted carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Taylor announced a new community assistance list has been provided. Mr. Jody Reece requested the following changes: Tahlequah Public School increased by \$250 from Councilor Jordan and the addition of Connors State College to be split between Councilors Jordan, Walkingstick and Garvin. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden requested the addition of Dahlongah School \$500, Stilwell High School Indian Heritage \$500 and Peavine School Indian Heritage \$500. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Buzzard requested the addition of Delaware County Sheriff for \$2,000. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Chair Taylor announced there weren't any new roads request submitted.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Chair Taylor announced there haven't been any new additions submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-098](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO FOYIL COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ROGERS COUNTY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Hatfield inquired if the surplus is available to the At Large also. The motion to approve carried.

2. [15-099](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:38 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Lacey Horn
Jody Reece*

*Jamie Cole
Sara Hill*

*Todd Hembree
Willard Mounce*

*Jon Smith
Anna Knight*

*Canaan Duncan
Nikki Limore*

*Daryl Legg
Chuck Hoskin Jr.*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell
Candessa Tehee*

*Shawn Slaton
Gary Cooper*

*Dianne Barker Harrold
Callie Chunestudy*