



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Thursday, August 25, 2022

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 15 - Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell; Candessa Tehee; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Rex Jordan

Late Arrival 1 - Danny Callison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the July financials. He reported sixty-three percent of their workforce is Cherokee. They continue to look for new employees to join their workforce. Chair Austin inquired if there is a hiring provision for non-Native spouses of citizens. Councilor Dobbins requested additional information on a recent federal contract win.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor reported she is available for any questions pertaining to the proposed FY2023 budget if needed prior to the budget hearings. She provided an update on the Utility Assistance Program and the Cherokee Ranchers Program payouts. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Austin reminded the Council of the upcoming budget hearings scheduled for September 6th through the 8th.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the recent construction events along with the upcoming events. She reported on their recent office moves. She reported on their homeless project, the portal updates, the youth events and they are busy with grants. She offered to answer questions from the reports.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported the Cherokee National Holiday starts this weekend with the fast pitch tournament. This will be the first hybrid holiday. They are on schedule to approve \$2.5m in small business loans this year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Tehee requested clarification on the employee program to assist them in getting the \$15 per hour minimum wage.

Chief of Staff Bunch announced the Cherokee Nation has been named by Forbes Magazine as one of the top ten employers in the State of Oklahoma.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Mr. Reece announced a change to the Roads report provided for Councilor Shotpouch. No questions or concerns were voiced over the consent items.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [22-068](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [22-069](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shotpouch announced the 69th Annual Shotpouch Hog Fry will be this Sunday.

Councilor Smith invited everyone to his community meeting at Black Gum on the 30th.

Councilor Vazquez announced tomorrow is the grand opening of the Cherokee Nation Anna Mitchell Welcome and Cultural Center in Vinita.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Callison moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:34 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Camerin Fite James</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell *John Young*

Remote:
Chuck Garrett