



# 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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Monday, August 22, 2016

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### Special Session - FY2017 Budget Hearings August 22nd - August 24th

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;  
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith  
Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay and  
Bryan Warner

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 16-104

#### BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2017 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

*Chair Taylor gave an overview of the process for the budget hearings. Treasurer Lacey Horn provided a hard copy of the presentation. She presented an overview of the proposed FY2017 Chief's budget. Once she completed her overview she gave appreciation to all of those instrumental in the preparation of this budget. She offered to answer questions.*

*Councilor Vazquez moved to approve to open for discussion. Councilor Warner seconded the motion.*

*Chair Taylor requested each department come forward one at a time for questions and any additional information they may wish to share regarding their budget.*

*The Marshal Service, the Office of the Chief, the Council, the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, Education, Health, Financial Resources, Community Service,*

*Human Service, Management Resources, Commerce, Human Services, Government Resources, the Gaming Commission, and Information Technology all came forward for questions and clarification.*

RECESS

**Councilor Garvin made a motion to break for lunch. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Chair Taylor requested everyone return at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried to recess at 11:26 a.m.**

RECONVENE

**Chair Taylor called the meeting back to order at 1:01 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

**Present** 12 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Dick Lay and Bryan Warner

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*The department questions and clarifications continued with Career Services, the Housing Authority, Tax Commission, Election Commission, Publications, Indian Child Welfare, and lastly the Secretary of Natural Resources.*

**Chair Taylor announced we have a motion and a second for approval of the FY2017 budget. Councilor Austin offered a friendly amendment to accept the revised exhibit A just handed out. The friendly was accepted.**

*Treasurer Horn gave an explanation of the revised exhibit A. Councilor Buzzard offered a friendly amendment to make a change to the Roads budget. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Following discussion the motion was withdrawn to be reconsidered once carryover is received.*

**All Council Members requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve the FY2017 budget with the amended exhibit A carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 17 - 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; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd commented and gave appreciation to the Administration for their cooperation in this budget process and the many questions answered.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the**

motion. The motion carried at 1:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

VISITORS PRESENT: