



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, May 31, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the April 26th regular session. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the April 26th TERO Subcommittee minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Fishinghawk requested the reports be kept short due to time constraints.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn introduced our auditor, Kevin Kemp from BKD in Dallas. She reported the single audit report and the management letter have been emailed. They held OMB training for 179 employees. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired how long our auditors are under contract and placed for bid.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton recorded March was a record month for the company. All projects are on time and on budget. Cherokee employment was 67% at the end of March with 75.5% total Native American. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Garvin requested an update on the Ft. Gibson project and the Woodmark building here in Tahlequah. Councilor Keener inquired about the turnover cost at CNB, bonuses and the compliance issues with KOA at Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a copy of the original agreement with KOA and the status of that agreement. She also inquired about the status of the hangar in Tahlequah.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they currently have 653 Summer Youth applications. She provided an update on the Day Work Program. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the Day Workers are given information regarding who the current officials are in all branches of the government.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced on June 8th from 5:30 to 8:30 they will have a grand opening for the Cherokee Art Center in downtown Tahlequah. She recognized the volunteer tax preparers and requested they introduce themselves and which communities they prepared taxes.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Mr. Overacker announced the Cherokee owner of SWA Design has passed away since receiving approval from the TERO Certification committee. Councilor Cowan Watts asked several questions regarding the certifications. Councilor Hoskin moved to approve with the exception of SWA Design. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the revised list. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A Revised handout was provided. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the revised list and add \$1,000 to the Vinita Little League. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

No roads requests were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-200](#) DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF BACKPACK, NUTRITION AND FOOD PANTRY FUNDING

Councilor Hoskin Jr. withdrew this item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-074](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Evans announced a request has been submitted by the Administration for consideration of an amendment as a rider to Mod 9 for the landfill and a training partnership program.

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to pass the current mod with a friendly amendment to add the rider requested by Administration. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Mr. Evans commented the request for the training partnership program with CNB will need to obtain board approval and Ms. Kelley's group will be prohibited from expending funds until the MOU is signed. He gave an overview of the mod 9. Councilor Garvin inquired who the condominium came from and requested they be informed of how the proceeds would be expended. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the Human Services Deputy Director position, the Attorney General request, the public school outreach portable planetarium, contract health, community youth funds, and the training partnership program.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion that the \$1.5ml goes into the contract health funds designated under the 5% guidelines instead of into the general fund. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. After discussion was held the motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 9 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr. and Dick Lay

Nay: 7 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Councilor Cowan Watts called for the question. The motion to approve the budget as amended carried with Councilor Keener in opposition.

2. [TMP-205](#) MAY CAPITAL GRANTS - REPORTING ONLY - NO ACTION NEEDED

Mr. Evans announced this is a reporting item only with not action needed. This is a capital grant for a \$450,000 transit program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting would be held on Thursday, June 28th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fishinghawk adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Lacey Horn
Sandy Long
Doug Evans
Diane Kelley
Scott Craig*

*Darryl Legg
Anna Knight
Vickie Hanvey
Nason Morton*

*Shay Smith
David Southerland
Jon Overacker
Dr. Neil Morton*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Shawn Slaton
Raymond Vann
Ollie Starr*

*Gina Olaya
Larry Horn
Volunteer Tax Preparers*

*Dianne Barker Harrold
Kevin Kemp*