



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, July 26, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Frankie Hargis

Late Arrival 3 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Meredith Frailey and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the June 11th PAC Subcommittee, June 28th PAC Subcommittee, June 28th TERO Subcommittee and the June 28th regular session minutes in Toto. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced they have been busy with the proposed FY2013 budget and it would be delivered to the Council House on Tuesday of next week. She offered to answer questions from the written report provided.

Council Attorney Barker Harrold announced she visited with the Warehouse and Ms. Horn and they have determined a process for surplus equipment notifications and donations.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported they had a great month of May. He stated over the next couple of months they anticipate being able to announce several good contracts. In the month of May they received an approximate \$9ml check on their insurance for a to date total recapture up to approximately \$22ml in relation to the roof collapse and the business interruption clause within the policy. He provided an update on the construction projects by stating the opening for Catoosa has been moved from mid-August to mid-September and Ramona has been moved up to August 28th. The grand opening information will be provided soon. They are working with Career Services to hold job fairs in the area. The hotel tower in Catoosa will be opening in early December and Ft. Gibson is scheduled for mid-November. Councilor Garvin inquired about new business possibilities. Councilor Cowan Watts requested by email monthly a report showing actuals on Reed's contract with CNB. She also inquired about the impact of the special dividend on the business case for the insurance monies from the roof collapse. She also inquired about the status of the plane hangar. Mr. Slaton provided an update on the feasibility study on Sallisaw Creek Park requested through resolution by this Council. He stated the scope was broadened to include Blue Ribbon Downs and the Roland Casino. Councilor Glory-Jordan announced Mr. Slaton has officially accepted the Interim CEO position at CNB. Councilor Thornton requested a copy of the feasibility study once it is complete. Councilor Coates inquired about a contract with Dane Strother at CNB.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported the Summer Youth Program is over as of today. She announced a kick-off was held last week in Tulsa for the Broadband Survey and Business Plan. They are going to be developing booklets containing all vacant buildings in all of our counties. They are also working on the unemployment data throughout our jurisdiction. She provided an update on the business pipeline possibilities.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they are in the middle of the Holiday preparations. She provided a handout of the logo being used for the Holiday this year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Historical Society - Karen Cooper

Ms. Cooper provided a handout showing the visits to the Heritage Center over the last month. She provided an update on volunteer services. They are interviewing for directors at this time. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the staffing and fundraising at the Heritage Center. Councilor Byrd inquired about the makeup of their board. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the employee paid by CNB.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Ms. Gilliland announced a copy of their completed their 2011 audit has been provided. The agreement with Tulsa University has been secured with a two-to-one match. They won a Google ad grant for \$50,000. They completed the Cherokee College Preparatory Institute with over fifty Cherokee students participating and fourteen universities participating as mentors. They are preparing for the upcoming school year. They will be hosting six ACT preparation courses throughout the fourteen counties. They will be launching an Early Edge Program for 7th and 8th graders on three different campuses. They have funding for 110 junior achievement

programs. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve and add the Four Mile Branch Cemetery located in Ft. Gibson. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve with the addition of \$1,000 to Heritage School to be split by herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve with the addition of \$5,000 to the Craig County Sheriff's office. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

No roads were presented for the month.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-067](#) ACT REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING CHEROKEE NATION LAW REGARDING LABOR AND THE EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE AND REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12-10-CS
Contract Law & Employment Law DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Jon Overacker requested D. of Section 25 be stricken. Councilor Cowan Watts offered a friendly amendment to strike the language as suggested. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Cowan Watts offered a friendly amendment to include the employment so that the title reflects this is a contract and employment law. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commented the suggested definitions submitted by CNB have been provided.
The motion to approve by acclamation carried.

2. [12-094](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Evans gave an overview of Mod. 11 stating of the \$3.75ml the grants to be reported total are \$1.1ml. The Mod itself contains \$2.6ml in eleven budgets spread across eight different funding sources.

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Dianna Turtle</i>	<i>Robert Garcia</i>
<i>Kim Gilliland</i>	<i>Laura Adair</i>	<i>Jerry Snell</i>
<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Willard Mounce</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>
<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>	