



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, July 20, 2020

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the June 15th PAC and the June 25th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported they have reopened all ten facilities back up and running. He gave an overview of their safety protocols. A financial update was given. He reported there wasn't an effect on the government contracts. Councilor Duncan gave appreciation for the Council and employees consideration for the safety of employees returning to work. Councilor Dobbins inquired if there are some employees who remain at home on unemployment. Councilor Shaw requested an update on gaming in Arkansas. Chair Taylor commented she would not request Mr. Garrett to report to The Council meeting following the conclusion of this meeting.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Treasurer Scott reported all audits for FY2019 are now complete. They have set up a website showing where all of the COVID-19 funds are being spent. She highlighted the new reporting requirements for Cares funding. The first audit of COVID spending has been sent to the U. S. Treasurer. Councilor Nofire requested an update on the FOIA request regarding the invoice from CNB showing their COVID-19 spending.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on her staff during the pandemic to date. She also gave an update on the programs during the pandemic to date. An update was given on the upcoming trainings. They applied for a \$3ml grant through the Department of Labor for National Disaster Recovery to train people on how to combat the COVID-19. They also applied for an employment recovery grant for \$12m from the Department of Labor. Ms. Kelley showed the committee a vest the Career Service training programs will wear at the clinics and hospital. In regard to economic development she provided an update on the Tesla plant, the State Department of Commerce AERT Plant in Watts, a customized efficiency mobile home plant in Stilwell, and an update on the Sallisaw Veterans project. Virtual job fairs will be held in Miami, Vinita and Grove. The TERO operation will be expanded to Muskogee and Pryor. The TERO Banquet at this time is still pending. She commented they have requested 2 mobile classroom trailers and 2 digital billboards with COVID funding. Chair Taylor inquired if they have contacts with all of the area municipalities for future positions for the lineman training participants.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported the demand for the small business loans is up. They have offered a three month deferral on the small business loans during this pandemic. She offered to answer questions.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided. Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [20-037](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation with a request to be forwarded to council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:45 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery Todd Enlow Gayle Miller

*Remote:
Tralynna Scott Diane Kelley Anna Knight*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell Tim Brown

*Remote:
Chuck Garrett*