



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Thursday, January 31, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins and Canaan Duncan

Absent 2 - Harley Buzzard and Mike Shambaugh

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the December 17th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton provided an update on the December financials, gaming and the diversified businesses. He gave appreciation to those who attended the pre-opening of Track 5 at the Hard Rock. Tomorrow is the scheduled soft opening. In regard to the Tahlequah facility, Newk's is opening on Monday, the casino is scheduled to open the first of May and the Bass Master weigh in is scheduled for May 15th. They continue to work on the preliminary drawings for the med school. They are also working on the new addition at the Mankiller clinic. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the timeline for the Mankiller clinic. He also elaboration where CNB is working with doctors for staffing contracts. Chair Taylor requested additional information on the medical recruiting and the postcard mail out. Councilor Lay inquired about a possible TERO violation and employment issue at South Coffeyville. He also requested clarification on Gulf Side in regard to the proposed Arkansas gaming.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported on the auditors who are present now. She reported on the thirty-five day federal government shut down. They have completed an RFP for Investment Advisory Services for the Sovereign Wealth Fund. She introduced our Investment Advisors, Mike Condon and Nicola De Roza. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if we made payroll for some of the government employees during the federal shutdown. He suggested a resolution or some sort of solution to allow us to assist our federal employees when the federal government is shut down without it being a violation. Councilor Lay inquired the name of the group the investment advisors are from for the Sovereign Wealth Fund. He also requested additional other clarification. Councilor Byrd congratulated Ms. Horn on being featured in the Native American Business Magazine.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced they received the Department of Labor Opioid Grant. She introduced Matt Lamont who is now over the Re-Entry Program and Jordan Holderby who is one of our new Job Developers. She provided an update on the TANF Program. She provided flyers for the Summer Youth Program starting in February and going through June. She announced some of the programs will be moving to the South Gate facility. She reported on their efforts to assist Newk's in their employee search along with the continuous efforts to assist with hiring of the health positions. She announced the upcoming job fairs. They are expanding several offices and are in need of furniture. Councilor Hatfield inquired if Job Corp is nationwide and if a representative would be able to attend the At Large community meetings.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith announced they start tax preparations for the VITA Program the first of February. She announced they received a grant from the USDA to provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs.

Chair Taylor requested Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. provide an update on their meeting at the State Capitol and the Freshmen Legislators. He announced Cherokee Day at the Capitol is February 20th. Along with the Chickasaw we will co-sponsor a luncheon with the State Legislators. Councilor Byrd inquired if a Native American Liaison has been selected.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$1,500 to be split between districts 1, 2 and 3 for Tahlequah High School and \$1,000 to the Dry Creek Community building from his funds. Councilor Crittenden requested \$2,000 to the Jeremiah Foundation and \$1,300 to the Fairfield Baptist Church. Councilor Dobbins requested \$1,000 to the Oak Grove Baptist Church, \$2,000 to the At The Cross Church, and \$1,000 to Connors Development Foundation. Councilor Shaw requested \$500 scholarship to each Cherokee At Large Group. Councilor Hatfield requested the same. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$500 to Keys High School. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve with the additions. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided. Councilor Anglen added Tulsa County Sheriff for \$6,000 and the Tulsa Police Department for \$6,000. Councilor Vazquez requested clarification on one of her requests. Councilor Dobbins requested \$10,000 to Ft. Gibson Police, \$10,000 to Muskogee County Sheriff, \$10,000 to the Warner Police and \$10,000 to the Pourm Police. Councilors Warner and Smith requested \$2,500 each to the Sequoyah County Sheriff. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as amended. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

A new sports team list was provided. Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece noted the motor vehicle tax funds are in the reported in your handout but aren't available for use until after the February Council meeting. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-006](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION W. W. HASTINGS HOSPITAL

TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO THE NORTHEASTERN HEALTH SYSTEM
IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [19-007](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE
COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 2; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

3. [19-008](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE
COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 4; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:57 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Joel Bean</i>
<i>Cliff Powell</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Jackie Reese</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Stephanie Isaacs</i>	<i>Matt Lamont</i>
<i>Jordan Holderby</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Mike Condon</i>	<i>Nicola De Roza</i>
<i>Cheryl Parrish</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
<i>Brenda Partain</i>		