



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinhawk, Chair

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Thursday, September 25, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 4 - Dick Lay; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 1 - Jodie Fishinhawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the August 18th special session minutes and the August 28th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the July results. He provided an update on the current projects and the new shopping outlet and the District at Hard Rock. Councilor Fishinhawk gave appreciation for the CNI picnic recently held. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the new mall projects as to how they wouldn't conflict with each other. She inquired if there would be Cherokee preference on these jobs. She also requested clarification on the CNB political donations process. Councilor Keener inquired about the number of part time and seasonal employees. He also inquired about the cost of the ninety acres. Councilor Coates inquired about the timeline on the Catoosa shopping outlets and the Tahlequah Cherokee Springs

Plaza. Councilor Glory Jordan commented we would not be adding a casino in Tahlequah but replacing an existing facility.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Mr. Jamie Cole reported in the absence of Ms. Horn. He reported the Cherokee Nation was notified by the GFOA this week that we were again awarded the certificate of Achievement in Excellence for Financial Reporting. He also announced they are progressing with the fiscal year 2014 year end closing. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report in regard to the Sequoyah High School funding issues. Dr. Morton provided a handout of financial information in regard to Sequoyah's funding over the past couple of years. He gave an overview of the reports provided and offered to answer questions.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the job fairs, the Mid American Industrial park and the Day Training program restart. She announced the ribbon cutting for the new Pryor Career Services office is Tuesday. She gave an update on the Tulsa office and Macy's. Twenty-six of our firefighters are currently fighting fire in California. A Proclamation for Manufacturing Day on October 3rd has been signed. Job Corp also did a proclamation on their 25th anniversary. The new Sallisaw office will be open the first of October with an open house on the 15th. Councilor Keener inquired if the Tulsa and Pryor locations would serve both Cherokee and non. Ms. Kelley announced the Job Corp GED graduation will be on the 9th of October. Councilor Glory Jordan requested highlights next month for the Re-entry program and the Day Training program in regard to those with criminal backgrounds.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Shay Smith reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. She provided a handout for the upcoming NORA conference. He gave updates on the recent Cherokee holiday and their new SBA Prime grant.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the Medical Equipment Affiliates be held with their approval subject to review of their new ownership. She requested a follow up email of their status. The motion to approve carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece announced a newly amended list has been provided. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece stated a new list has been provided and gave an overview of the changes. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the

motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new amended report was provided. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Mr. Reece stated the un-used balances carry over. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece provided a handout of the new request and provided clarification. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece commented a new list has been provided and stated all \$50,000 has been expended this year. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the request submitted and stated all of the funds for this year have been expended. He commented the request for Adair County will need to wait until the FY2015 funds are received. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-092](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod submitted. After a few questions of clarification the motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Taylor announced Amanda Clinton has requested those attending the ribbon cutting in Pryor next week RSVP to her as soon as possible.

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the job fair at South Coffeyville.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>June Butler</i>
<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Lisa Long</i>
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