



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joshua Sam, Chair

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Thursday, October 26, 2023

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 13 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Absent 2 - Melvina Shotpouch and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 2 - Mike Shambaugh and Dora Patzkowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. **Councilor Callison** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported from Little Rock where a non favorable ruling has been handed down. He provided an overview of the ruling and what the next steps are. He stated the year end financial statements will be late to the Council due to timing. Ms. Jarvis reported remotely stating yesterday was the one year anniversary of the 1839 Meat Company. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on National Manufacturing Month and announced they brought home three of the five trophies awarded during the chili cook off. The job developers are going out to various businesses in honor of manufacturing month. She provided an update on the 102-477, Work Experience and ARPA programs. The TERO Banquet is scheduled for December 5th at Hard Rock. Graduation was held for seven members of the Fiber and Lineman programs. New classes for the Fiber and Lineman won't start until after the first of the year. There will be a new training program for women in which she will give more details on in Education Committee. She spoke about Human Resources taking the Work Experience participants through the open interviews and placing them in full time employment. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Smith inquired if the fiber or linemen should put in applications now or wait until after the first of the year.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

No questions or concerns were voiced.

Mr. Reece announced unused travel funds will roll over to your community assistance funds in November or December. The Roads Motor Fuels Tax funds won't be available until January or February.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-063](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CAVE SPRINGS SCHOOL

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [23-064](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-23 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 – Mod. 1 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shambaugh announced he had received a phone call from a father who participated with his son in one our hunts in Sequoyah County.

Councilor Smith announced the Southern Area Elder luncheon will be at the Choeta Room of the Tahlequah Casino.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:34 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Anna Knight
Corey Bunch*

*Diane Kelley
Janees Taylor*

*Shawn Crittenden
Jody Reece*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Chuck Garrett (Remote)
John Young*

*Molly Jarvis (Remote)
Teddy Snell*