



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Monday, December 17, 2018

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

Late Arrival 3 - Shawn Crittenden; David Walkingstick and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the November 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Austin made a motion to amend the agenda to move New Business #4 to immediately follow the reports. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave a brief update on the businesses, financials, and construction projects. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw requested an update on gaming in Arkansas. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the Polk County, Arkansas vote. Chair Taylor requested Mr. Slaton expound on our interests in gaming in Arkansas. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a fundraiser contribution

in the report provided.

NEW BUSINESS

4. [TMP-377](#) DISCUSSION ONLY - Presentation on CNB Diversified Businesses by Steven Bilby

Mr. Bilby introduced Tim Roberts and Tabitha Frost who work with our international market. Chair Taylor and other Councilors gave appreciation for their efforts and touched on how the dividend helps the Cherokee people. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the number of employees in the diversified businesses, how many are Cherokee and the percent of profit we get per contract. Mr. Bilby gave an update on our diversified businesses with a PowerPoint presentation and a few videos. He offered to answer questions from the presentations.

Presented

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported they are closing FY2018 and preparing for audits. They are monitoring the possible federal government shutdown and our preparedness if it should happen. Councilor Walkingstick inquired how to include other TERO banks in our capital expansion projects.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they are getting ready to roll out their new Department of Labor Emergency Management Grant. She provided an update on the opioid grant they received. They are still working on the issues with the TANF program. Councilor Buzzard commented on the startup funds given to companies locating within our jurisdiction as referred to in the report. He questioned the amount given to other companies versus the company in Jay. Councilor Buzzard requested the number of Cherokees hired at the businesses where a large startup was given.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided information on the Jay Industrial Park which provided incentive for AST to open there. She stated they do give startup loans for businesses with very low interest. The Small Business Center also provides coaches and other tools to be successful. Councilor Austin requested clarification on the economic development and reasoning behind working with the larger companies. Councilor Crittenden suggested providing incentives to the small businesses who meet certain goals. Councilor Lay inquired about the budget for the small business loan program and where those funds are from.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Chair Taylor requested all consent items be approved together. Councilor Warner made a motion to approve all consent items in Toto. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Mr. Reece read a list of additions for

Community Assistance. Councilor Byrd requested \$500 to the River Valley Church. Councilor Shambaugh requested \$250 to the Jay Public School Education Foundation. Councilor Crittenden requested \$500 to Hope Center Inc. Councilor Lay requested \$1,000 to Caney Valley JOM and \$1,000 to Nowata JOM. Councilor Smith requested \$500 to Vian Public Schools. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$1,000 to Keys Public Schools and \$1,000 to Tenkiller and retract the \$500 to Olive Church approved last month. Councilor Warner requested Law Enforcement funds of \$2,500 from District 5 and \$2,500 from District 6 to the Town of Gans. The motion to approve as amended carried.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-087](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A TRIBAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF PLAN) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF A TRIBAL TANF PROGRAM
Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [18-088](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried to forward to Council this evening.
3. [18-089](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried to forward to Council this evening.

AGENDA TO BE AMENDED

Councilor Byrd made a motion to amend the agenda to donate surplus equipment. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

18-090

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO TRI-COUNTY (W.E.B.) ASSOCIATION IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Councilor Byrd made a motion to approve the donation of surplus equipment to the Tri County WEB Association. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:20 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Christina Carroll</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>Debra Lack</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>	<i>Scott Craig</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Steven Bilby</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
<i>Harvey Chaffin</i>	<i>Shaun Shepherd</i>	<i>Tabitha Frost</i>
<i>Tim Robertson</i>		