



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair*

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Thursday, March 27, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the February 27th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution for the CDFI grant application. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn reported our bond rating increase and the audit report will be finalized tomorrow. She gave appreciation to her staff for all of their hard work. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton gave financial highlights from January, an update on the current projects and the current employee percentages. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the starting of the South Coffeyville casino.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley announced John Smith is the new Business Development Coordinator. The Macy's ground breaking is scheduled for the 17th of April. Job fairs are scheduled in Catoosa and West Siloam Springs. They are in the process of compiling a very comprehensive Day Training report. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd commented on his visit to the Kawi Café and inquired when there might be a tour set up. Councilor Keener inquired about the foreclosures. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the upcoming bids could be sent to all TERO vendors. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the three potential tenants at the Cort Mall.*

Historical Society - Mike Kelley / Susan Chapman Plumb

*No one was present to report.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Councilor Byrd moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

*Mr. Reece announced a new list has been provided. Councilor Lay requested the Tyner Cemetery #2 be changed to Washington County. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Mr. Reece announced a new list has been provided and had the following to add: Peavine School for \$500 from Councilor Fishinghawk and Stilwell School for \$1,000 from Councilor Fishinghawk. Councilor Glory Jordan announced the submission of a request for Sequoyah High School for their Senior Class Trip and requested everyone keep it in mind for approval next month. Councilor Glory Jordan announced she had a request from the Miss NSU Scholarship Program for Miss NSU a Cherokee citizen to compete in the Miss Oklahoma pageant. Councilors Glory Jordan, Walkingstick and Byrd gave \$200 each, Councilors Fullbright, Fishinghawk, Vazquez and Hargis gave \$100 each for the Miss NSU Scholarship Program. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*Mr. Reece commented a revised list has been provided. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

ROADS

*Mr. Reece gave an overview of the Roads requests. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

*A new sports team list was provided. Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

*Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-034](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO WARPONY COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN CHEROKEE COUNTY  
**Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [14-035](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR A YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM  
**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
  
3. [14-036](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 4b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve the substitute version provided as 4B. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Mr. Reece provided an overview of the mod as requested. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:**  
  
**Yea:** 16 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

**Not In Room:** 1 - David Walkingstick

4. [14-037](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 7a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve the revised version provided as mod 7A. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard requested \$2,500 be donated to the senior citizen centers rather than the \$2,000 provided last year. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the carryover being brought forward. After discussion was held Councilor Buzzard decided to visit this during the budget hearings. Councilor Lay requested a list of the centers be provided. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod as requested. The motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**
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5. [TMP-306](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COUNCIL HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
- Councilor Lay withdrew this item.**
6. [14-038](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION FOR A CASH MATCH TO THE U.S. TREASURY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PROGRAM FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY'S NATIVE AMERICAN CDFI ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION
- Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve and forward to the Special Council meeting this evening. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors Hargis, Cowan Watts, Garvin and Lay requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Baker announced it was 200 years ago today that over 500 of our Cherokee warriors fought at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. He gave a brief description of the battle.*

*Councilor Glory Jordan announced everyone is in concurrence to move the June Rules and E&F meetings to Tuesday, June 17th beginning at 10:00 a.m.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:42 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>
<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Bill Andoe</i>
<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>

*Bruce Davis*

*Mandy Scott*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Lisa Long*

*Shawn Slaton*

*Gina Olaya*

*Harvey Chaffin*

*Bill Horton*

*Larry Horn*

*Dianne Barker Harrold*