



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Monday, March 14, 2022

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Sam called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Austin attended remotely.

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve the January regular session and the PAC session. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor reported on the passing of the Omnibus, the \$62ml McGirt funding, the audit due by the end of March and the decision to have our payroll department work from home.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the January financials. He announced gaming is picking up momentum, and the workforce is beginning to stabilize. He provided an update on federal contracting. The employees participated in a Junior Achievement Inspire Event earlier this month. He announced the upcoming exhibit at the John Ross Museum. We will have live racing for the 13th consecutive year at Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the Arkansas casino.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they are extremely busy; she provided an update on the fairgrounds property, their efforts to identify Indian owned businesses, the rolling out of the youth programs next month, the Youth Leadership Program, and upcoming recruitment fairs. She reported on the economic development meeting in Sequoyah County for the call center and that they are still also considering a location in Muskogee. She provided an update on project Ocean in the Mid America Industrial Park.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they are in the middle of volunteer income tax season. Councilor Shambaugh inquired as to what percentage of funding received by the Cherokee Nation is from grants.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Mr. Reece reported a changed in Councilor Deere's ARPA funding. He gave clarification on the future reporting of the \$1ml ARPA roads funding.

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. [22-020](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [22-021](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 5A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Crittenden moved to approve the substitute version provided. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire requested a brief overview of the changes requested. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health Chair Dobbins announced the Health Committee would begin at 12:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:02 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Janees Taylor Anna Knight Diane Kelley
Corey Bunch Camerin Fite James*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young Teddye Snell

*Remote:
Chuck Garrett Amber Edwards*