



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, June 28, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shambaugh gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Bryan Warner; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

Absent 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve the May 31st minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the April and May financials. In regard to the projects he gave an update on the progress at the Cherokee Plaza including the soon to start retail section. The new Tahlequah casino will include a steak house similar to West Siloam. He provided an update on the construction at Hard Rock by stating the Sprung structure is completely down and they have begun footings with steel to soon follow. They will also redo the face of the hotel and casino to match the Sprung structure (casino 4) replacement. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd requested the Restaurant of the Cherokees be kept in mind when the new options open. Chair Taylor inquired about the hours for the steak house.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced a warehouse surplus list has been provided and they need all requests back by the 27th of July. She introduced Joel Haauser from BKD. She provided a copy of the very clean single audit. Mr. Haauser gave a brief overview of the process and the findings. Ms. Horn gave appreciation to all involved to enable us to have the clean audit.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the TANIF program. The Summer Youth Program will wind down in approximately three weeks. The Summer Youth Interns will be traveling to Cherokee, North Carolina on the 6th of July. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the recently held job fairs. Amazon is coming to Tulsa and will be a similar project to Macy's. A new business is coming to Sallisaw soon. During the week of the Cherokee Holiday they will set booths up here at the complex to take resumes and information for our new health facility as well as the other business within our jurisdiction needing employees. She announced an opportunity for some of her staff to visit the Economic Development District in the four counties of Bentonville, Fayetteville, Rogers and Springdale at their quarterly meeting. They have also been invited to attend the economic development meeting in Ft. Smith. Councilor Austin commented on an event he attended in Claremore where Ms. Kelley's staff was well represented.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Mr. Stephen Highers reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. He gave highlights from the report. Chair Taylor commended the program for not only loaning the funding but also providing the training to be successful. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about assisting someone with transferring their mortgage assistance through a waiver. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the U. S. Opportunity zones.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Mr. Reece requested a correction of \$500 on Councilor Lay that should be on Councilor Hargis. Councilor Hargis requested by email \$1,000 to the New Life Church. Councilor Buzzard requested correction on the City of Jay to be \$1,000 not \$1,600. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$200 to the Dry Creek Community Building split between him and Councilor Byrd. Councilor Shambaugh requested \$500 to the Delaware County Community Park. Councilor Crittenden requested \$500 to Beaver Baptist Church. Correction was requested for the City Library to be \$1,000 split between Councilors Walkingstick, Jordan and Byrd. Councilor Lay made a motion to approve as amended. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The

motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve the new list provided. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve the new list provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-046](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY IN FY19
Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [18-047](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [18-048](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard requested an overview of the modification. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:40 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Ginger Reeves</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Debra Lack</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Christina Carroll</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Joel Haaser</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Phyllis Lay</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	