



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, June 24, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Coates and Shaw attended remotely.

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Mary Baker Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the regular session minutes.
Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett announced they are running strong and getting back to normal operations. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired about bonuses or retention offers to keep our employees. He also inquired if we are in a hiring freeze for salary employees. He asked how many of the 8A contracts are staying within the states. Councilor Dobbins inquired when there would be new episodes of Osiyo TV.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Ms. Scott gave an update on the individual COVID payments. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor inquired if any paper checks have been sent out yet. She inquired about tax implications of the \$2,000. Councilor Legg inquired about divorced parents issue with who puts in the information in the portal. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification on the portal with the "pending" message. He commented he wished we would of gotten a heads up on the text message. Councilor Coates requested clarification on an applicant who received their funds but their children listed on the same application didn't receive any funding. She commented on not being able to get through on the portal number and no responses are given by email. Councilor Shaw inquired about a mailer to all of the At Large citizens to let them know about the \$2,000. Councilor Legg inquired about getting paper applications. Councilor Byrd inquired about people who want to donate their \$2,000.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Stephanie Isaacs reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. She announced the Pryor office open house is scheduled for July 7th. She provided an update on the Summer Youth program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She reported starting next month child care tax credit payments will go out monthly instead of receiving at the end of the year unless you opt out.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Legg made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Mr. Reece read the following additions: Councilors Duncan and Crittenden are splitting \$4,000 to the Stilwell Fire Department, Councilor Duncan \$1,000 to the Chulio Cemetery, and \$500 to the Fellowship Baptist Church. Councilor Crittenden requested he and Councilor Duncan split \$2,000 to the New Life Church. Councilor Legg made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided. Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece read additions to the Roads for Councilor Buzzard. Councilor Buzzard made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

No new applications were approved.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Legg made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

A new list was provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Deere made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution for a grant program for the Spider Gallery. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [21-061](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - Mod. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Reece pointed out item 4 the COVID-19 ARPA additional \$273ml for Indian Health Services. They are only budgeting \$30ml for this year. The motion carried.
2. [21-063](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE GRANT PROGRAM
Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Deere announced Tuesday would finalize out his district for the COVID relief \$2,000 sign up. Tuesday is the last one at Greenwood.

Councilor Shambaugh announced there would be a sign up in Jay on the 30th of June at the Food Distribution facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:08 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Stephanie Isaacs</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Tralynna Scott</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell *Tim Brown*

Remote:
Chuck Garrett