



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Tuesday, October 16, 2018

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

Late Arrival 3 - Rex Jordan; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve both the regular session and the PAC minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn commended the grant services group and the departments for their coordinating efforts in applying for and obtaining grants.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced there will be a job fair in Roland tomorrow. The NORA Summit is next Tuesday at Northeastern State University. The TERO Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, November 1st at the Hard Rock. They are working with a potential business in the Tulsa, Inola or Pryor area. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Commerce - Anna Knight

No one was present from Commerce.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. Councilor Austin requested the addition of Oolagah FFA for \$1,000, The Chelsea FFA for \$1,000 and the Oolagah High School band for \$750. Councilor Crittenden requested \$2,500 for Greasy School, \$400 Stilwell High School, \$200 Peavine School, and \$650 to the New Life Church. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Shambaugh requested \$5,000 to the West Siloam Police Department. The motion to approve carried.

ROADS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the new list. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton announced Barbara Knowlton retired and Amber Edwards has taken her position. He reported on the year end financials and comparisons to the prior year. He commented on their new HR software. He provided an update on the current projects. They will be helping with the remodel of the Mankiller facility. Councilor Byrd inquired when the impact of the newest competition if any would be known. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the new HR software would allow the ability to develop a

certain report. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation to the meeting in regard to an employee situation. Councilor Smith requested an update on the sports betting. Councilor Shaw requested an update on the Arkansas gaming.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported on the year end business loans and the jobs they created. The Economic Development Trust Authority assets continue to grow. The Art Center has had 3,732 visits were made over the last year. They did receive the grant to allow them to continue the Kawi Café. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the Crystal Bridges project. Councilor Vazquez gave appreciation for the art space provided for the National Treasures at the Art Center. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the Section 184 loan going into Arkansas and Texas. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the children's art program referred to in the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 18-073** AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-18 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - MOD. 1A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Chair Taylor announced a substitute mod was placed on your desk. Councilor Byrd gave an overview of the request for the language initiative. He requested Howard Paden of the Language Program to give and update on the progress of the initiative.

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve Mod. 1a. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Walkingstick requested to amend to carry over his special projects funds. Chair Taylor stated this budget modification has already been voted on. Councilor Walkingstick gave background for the request. Following much debate and discussion Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to recall the vote to reconsider this request. Upon further discussion Councilor Walkingstick restated his request to reconsider the mod. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Byrd suggested Councilor Walkingstick work with Canaan Duncan from Administration to take care of these funds. Councilor Walkingstick continued to state he has tried to use the funds and has been denied. Secretary of State Hoskin, Jr. presented the Administration's position. Mr. Reece stated it is a budget within Administration with funds for the Council and if there is a disagreement of where the funds should go, administration has the signature authority. Councilor Walkingstick restated the motion to recall the vote on the mod so that he can amend and transfer \$31,917 into account 101042. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion once again. Recording secretary Brittain gave clarification that there is a motion and a second to reconsider budget modification 1a. A vote needs to be taken on it, if it passes then there would need to be a motion to amend to consider Councilor Walkingstick's request. If the motion to reconsider fails then we move forward with the next item on the agenda.

Chair Taylor gave clarification that there will be a roll call vote to reconsider the budget mod 1a we just passed. Discussion was held in regard to the motion to reconsider. Chair Taylor stated there are still several wanting to weigh in on this discussion so she limited discussion to 1 minute per Councilor.

Following everyone speaking that chose too Councilor Walkingstick withdraw his motion to reconsider and work with Administration to get the funds carried over to FY19 and if it is unsuccessful he will bring it back to this committee next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Taylor announced our next meeting is on the schedule for November 14th at noon and per agreement with Speaker Byrd the Rules and E&F meetings will flip times for the November meetings.

Councilor Shaw announced she will be showing the Mankiller movie tonight on the Guthrie Green in Tulsa.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Gaylon Thompson</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Ryan Mackey</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Rob Daugherty</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>
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