



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, May 31, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 3 - Rex Jordan; Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Austin moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the March financials and stated they hit all-time high for net income. He reported on the progress at the Cherokee Plaza with the drilling of the piers for the new casino. The Sprung structure at the Hard Rock has been torn down and all of those games have been placed in one of the conference rooms. He announced one of the anchors for the multi-tenant building at the Cherokee Plaza will be Newk's Eatery. Councilor Baker inquired who the contact person is for booking entertainment. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they have ever considered using solar heat and air. Councilor Dobbins inquired if our retail plans are still on hold. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the initial plan for ball and dice.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Mr. Jamie Cole offered to answer questions from the Treasurer's report. Councilor Buzzard requested a report showing the cost to send our people to the At Large and CCO conferences. He requested in the next year budget that the accounting unit for this be separated out to be track able.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported she will have three staff members going to NCAI in Kansas City. She provided an update and preparation on our TANIF program with a rollout of January 2019. They are working on a five year contract for Talking Leaves. Highlights were given on their opioid grant. They are working with the Tulsa Chamber on another economic development venture. There are several job fairs coming up. She touched on the Summer Youth Program and the Summer Intern Program. Councilor Hatfield requested clarification on our tribal members in grant applications. Councilor Byrd commented the Cherokee Nation needs its own Heart of the Hills Camp. He suggested our Summer Interns introduce themselves at the Council meeting in Cherokee.

Chair Taylor requested Mr. Daryl Legg come today and report on the Re-entry Program. Mr. Legg provided a handout of information and gave an overview. He introduced Matt Stevens of the Kawi Café who works in conjunction with the re-entry program to teach life skills. He also introduced Matt Lamont and Callie Watkins as part of his staff. Councilor Warner inquired how our program compares to other tribes. Councilor Lay gave appreciation for the program statistics. Councilor Warner inquired if there would ever be stand-alone funding for this program. Councilor Hatfield inquired about At Large citizens. Councilor Warner suggested creating housing and community setting for the program participants. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if CNB works with them on the Re-entry program.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Bayly Wright offered to take questions back from the Commerce Report. She provided an update on this year's upcoming holiday events. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the tent for the gospel singing. Councilor Lay inquired about the artist for the holiday logo this year.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Councilor Walkingstick inquired to Controller Jamie Cole if the Council approves the surplus donations list. He inquired about status of the old Ft. Gibson casino modular buildings. Councilor Buzzard expressed concern for items being donated without him knowing they are even available.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve the TERO list as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the denial. The motion to approve carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Crittenden requested an additional \$500 to the Jeremiah Foundation. Councilor Smith requested \$1,000 to the Vian Youth League. Councilor Byrd requested \$400 to the Dry Creek Community split between the Cherokee County districts. Councilor Lay moved to approve with the additions. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-039](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Taylor announced the scholarship deadline is June 15th at midnight.

Councilor Warner announced this Saturday a gospel singing will be held at the Marble City Henderson School.

Councilor Smith announced he will have 2 community meetings this month – June 4th at Braggs and June 14th at Black Gum Community building.

Councilor Crittenden announced he will have a community meeting at the Larry Adair Building in the Stilwell Park on June 5th.

Councilor Austin announced starting on June 6th the Wall of Remembrance will be at the Rogers State University. On June 8th our Veteran's Center is taking 2 bus loads of veterans to see the wall with lunch provided after at the Will Rogers Memorial.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Warner seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:10 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Daryl Legg</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Cheryl Parrish</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Ginger Reeves</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>George Roach</i>	<i>Matt Stevens</i>	<i>Matt Lamont</i>
<i>Callie Watkins</i>	<i>Bayly Wright</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
<i>Frank Shaw</i>		