



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack D. Baker, Chair

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Thursday, June 30, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cowan Watts gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 5 - Bill John Baker; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell and Janelle Fullbright

Late Arrival 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cobb moved to approve the May 26th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

Ms. Catcher offered to answer questions from the written report provided. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about a vendor who hasn't received payment since March.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart reported they are very close to their budget in terms of year to date revenue. All of the projects are on schedule. The CNI Logistics group will receive another contract for \$42ml through the competition evaluation process and is a sole source 8A. They are in the process of finalizing the deal with Wal-Mart to refurbish

their TVs. He announced they received the draft version of the AT&T renewal contract in regard to distribution. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a status update on the employee issues at the West Siloam Casino. Mr. Stewart stated he spoke to the employees, a list was made, and the issues will be dealt with. Councilor Buzzard inquired what portion of West Siloam generates the most income. Mr. Stewart stated the primary driver is the gaming, the restaurants and entertainment just enhance the situation.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced they began the Day Work Program in West Siloam this week. She provided a handout of unemployment statistics.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the written report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans announced a revised report has been provided with a couple of additional requests. Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Jack D. Baker announced a revised list has been provided. Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden requested the addition of The Rocky Mountain Riding Club for \$250. Mr. Evans announced a request from Mr. Hoskin Jr. for his remaining balance of \$100 to go to an organization in Ochelata. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested \$500 split between herself and Councilor Bill John Baker for the Dry Creek Community Building and \$1,000 split between herself, Councilors Bill John Baker, Fishinghawk and Crittenden to Stilwell Youth Wrestling. Councilor Fishinghawk added \$400 to the Greasy Community Fellowship and \$400 to the Sallisaw Booster Wrestling Club. All additions were accepted as friendly amendments. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced a revised list has also been provided for the Law Enforcement. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced a revised roads reports has been provided. Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-173](#) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BATTLE OF CABIN CREEK LAND

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-085](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

In Mr. Evans review of Mod. 9 he stated the grants total just over \$575,000. The Mod. Itself contained only 9 budgets but increased the overall budget by \$1.6ml. \$746,000 of the increase is NAHASDA funds from the 2008 Indian Housing Plan for a Learning Village at Northeastern State University. Ms. Catcher provided an explanation of the Learning Village program. Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve the budget modification with the exception of the Learning Village program and to move this program to the July Education & Culture committee for further information. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Councilor Thornton made a friendly amendment to add \$15,000 to the sports team funding and \$15,000 to the youth grant funding from the contingency funds. The friendly amendment was accepted. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report on the actuals spent and remaining funds in both of these programs. Mr. Gregg Simmons and Mr. Dallas Pettigrew answered additional questions pertaining to the Learning Village program and the budget request. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a written summary of the information just provided. Councilors Glory-Jordan and Coates modified the motion to approve by placing the funds for the Learning Village back in mod. In regard to the sports teams and community youth funds request Councilor Cowan Watts suggested passing the mod with the suggested amount which could be adjusted if needed at full Council.

The motion to approve the budget mod as amended carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Jack D. Baker referred to a memo provided by Mr. Evans in regard to a budget hearing schedule for the FY2012 budget. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adopt the schedule as provided. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Chair Jack D. Baker stated the motion is to approve the schedule provided with the budget hearings beginning on August 23rd. The motion carried.

Ms. Diane Kelley announced they would have several construction fairs during the months of July and August with the first being in Vinita on the 12th of July.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:07 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher
Diane Kelley
Dallas Pettigrew*

*Doug Evans
Jon Overacker
Gregg Simmons*

*Anna Knight
Beverly Barr*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*David Stewart
Trenton King*

Gina Olaya

Shawn Slaton