



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, February 26, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 3 - Cara Cowan Watts; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 4 - Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay and Jack D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the January 29th regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported both December and January were fantastic months. He reported on the financial results for all of the companies. He gave an update on the new facility in South Coffeyville. Councilor Keener requested an update for the intercom system at Will Rogers Downs.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported their audit is underway. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Glory Jordan requested commented the fund for the community centers is approximately \$14,000 short and inquired if there is a way to

get this funded. She requested an amendment to the budget modification being presented to Council for approval this evening.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced they have started taking applications for Summer Youth and will continue through the 17th of April. They will have the Summer Internship Program again this year. She announced they may be expanding the Schwan's plant in Stilwell adding an additional two-hundred jobs. The interviewing will begin March 9th for the Macy's jobs in Owasso. A letter of intent has been placed on the Simmons plant in Jay. She gave an update on a possible paper plant coming to the Inola industrial park. She provided flyers for the Culinary Arts Program in Sallisaw. Handouts were provided for the upcoming job fairs in Sallisaw and Roland. She gave an update on the Fire Fighter Program and the upcoming fire prevention workshop in Adair County. She gave an update on their partnership with CNB.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance is having an Education Summit in Pryor on March 11th. They are working on various ways to help the smaller communities with economic development.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

Councilor Buzzard inquired about the amount of fees collected monthly on all TERO projects.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece announced a new list has been provided and there are new additions to be added. The additions include the Rogers County Cherokee Association for \$500 from Councilor Taylor, the Cherokee Elders Council for \$1,000 from Councilor Taylor, and the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club for \$1,000 from Councilor Lay. Councilor Fishinghawk requested her donation for Archery be reduced to \$500. Councilor Glory Jordan requested to be split equally between herself and Councilors Walkingstick and Byrd \$1000 to the Tri-Community Association, \$1,000 to Swimmer and \$1,000 to Dry Creek Community. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

There weren't any new law enforcement requests. Mr. Reece noted the 2015 funding is within Mod. 6 later on the agenda today.

ROADS

Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis 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

Mr. Reece stated there aren't any new requests at this time. Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-031](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #24-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod. as presented. The motion carried by acclamation.

2. [15-032](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to reduce 1010315 Cash Match for Grants by \$14,000 and increase 1010042 Donations and Contributions earmarked for the community buildings in the same amount. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod as presented. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on items 13 and 14. Councilor Keener requested clarification on item 8. Clarification was requested on the Head Start request. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:08 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Jody Reece
Diane Kelley*

*Canaan Duncan
Sara Hill*

*Bruce Davis
Jon Overacker*

*Jamie Cole
David Pruitt
Lacy Horn*

*Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Ron Qualls
Brandy James*

*Connie Chandler
Ashley Canoe
Tyler Thomas*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Shawn Slaton
Teddy Snell*

*Gina Olaya
Dianne Barker Harrold*

Natalie Fullbright