



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, May 26, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Soap gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; David Thornton Sr.; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 2 - Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Curtis Snell

Late Arrival 1 - Meredith Frailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cobb moved to approve the April 28th 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 report provided.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

Mr. Shawn Slaton reported for Mr. Stewart. Mr. Slaton provided the March financials and stated it was a great month. They selected the contractors for the four upcoming projects. RM Construction will have the Ramona and Ft. Gibson projects and FlintCo will have the Tahlequah and Catoosa projects. They are in the design phase of all

four of the projects with completion dates in September of 2012. The employment numbers for March were at approximately 60% Cherokee. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the design for the Tahlequah project. Mr. Slaton stated it will be in phases with the first being the casino and restaurant, the second will be a conference center and third is the hotel.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported this has been a busy month as it is the eve of all of their summer activities and Job Corp graduation. She provided a list of everyone working from the TERO office on the four casino projects. A meeting was held with the two contractors selected and the entire TERO staff regarding the TERO executive order. She provided a handout of the major Cherokee employer registration, registration renewal and the Major Cherokee Employer policy. She stated this is the policy that was developed for FlintCo and RM Construction. A job fair will be held within the next couple of weeks for both companies to assist in locating workers. Ms. Kelley announced the grand opening for the West Siloam Springs Career Services field office will be held on June 10th at 1:00 p.m. They have began work based learning there with Job Corp and hope to begin the Day Work training program there once the opening takes place. They are working to provide security training in the near future for all of the CNE locations. The garage at the Claremore housing authority office has been converted into testing and life skills classrooms as well as office space. The Job Corp graduation will be on the 3rd of June. Councilor Fishinghawk voiced concern for all four casino projects going at one time and causing a shortage of Cherokee contractors. She requested the TERO office keep a watchful eye on the Veterans Center project as she is receiving complaints of using non TERO vendors. Ms. Callie Catcher stated this portion of the project was bid out and was awarded to a non-TERO vendor who is working with the TERO office to obtain sub-contractors. Councilors Fishinghawk and Glory-Jordan questioned the bid awards and projects coming up for bid being available on line.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Lahoma Simmons offered to answer questions from the written report provided.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Ms. Gilliland announced they have had a very busy quarter. Included in the report packet is their restatement for 2008, complete audit for 2009, and the 2010 audit will be complete at the end of this month. They launched their OSU endowment with a two to one match from the Pickens Legacy Fund. They will begin issuing these scholarships this fall. They are currently in negotiations with the University of Oklahoma and NSU to set up similar endowments. They recently closed the zero interest pilot program for this year. They are in the process of researching the possibility of three to four percent loans. The annual picnic to award the scholarships will be held on June 17th. They completed the Cherokee lullaby CD project.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Coates moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

An updated list was provided for the cemetery restoration assistance. Councilor Garvin moved to approve with the change of Elm Grove cemetery being in District 4 Muskogee County. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Chair Jack D. Baker announced the Redland cemetery and the McEver cemetery are in Sequoyah County. The changes were accepted. The motion to approve carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A revised list was provided for Community Assistance. Mr. Evans announced there is one addition to the revised list for the Vinita After Prom Committee for \$150 from Councilor Hoskin Jr. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a correction on an item passed last month. She requested the Tahlequah High School be changed from the backpack program to the conference/camps/equipment for the Vo-Tech programs. Councilor Coates and Chair Jack D. Baker both requested the balance of their monies be given to the Cherokee Nation Foundation for scholarship support.

Councilor Thornton moved to approve with the corrections. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A revised report was provided. Mr. Evans announced there is on additional project for Sportsman Acres in the amount of \$4000 total from Councilors Soap and Frailey. Councilor Garvin moved to approve as amended. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

An amended roads report was provided. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Chair Jack D. Baker requested to table this request until next month when Councilor Hoskin Jr. can be present. With no objections heard this item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-071](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Evans gave an overview of budget mod 8 reporting an increase in grants of just over \$80,000 and twenty-five budget with a net increase of almost \$25ml. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a more detailed explanation of the IHS-Self Governance Health fund portion. Mr. Evans stated a large portion of the \$43.8ml carryover was identified in the previous fiscal year as onetime expenditures of capital projects and

approximately \$25ml was non-capital related.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 30th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Anglen moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:06 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Callie Catcher</i>	<i>Kim Gilliland</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Tammy Beaver</i>	<i>Amy Sams</i>
<i>Melissa Gower</i>	<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>Lahoma Simmons</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
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