



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, February 23, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 1 - Meredith Frailey

RECESS

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to recess until after the Tribal Council meeting.
Councilor Wakingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:48 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 6 - Buel Anglen; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright and Lee Keener Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the January 26th TERO subcommittee minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Councilor Hargis moved to accept written reports. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Commerce - Anna Knight

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans provided a handout of cemetery assistance requests. Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested in the absence of Councilor Anglen for the Drywater cemetery in Sperry be added. The friendly amendment to add the Drywater cemetery was accepted. The motion to approve carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Evans provided an updated list of requests and added two additional requests as follows: 1) District 1 \$1,000 split three ways between Councilors Glory-Jordan, Walkingstick and Byrd for Warpony Community Outreach and 2) Cherokee County Junior Livestock Association for \$4,000 split evenly between the District 1 Councilors. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded with a friendly to add \$500 to the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club. The Friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the Law Enforcement requests. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Evans handed out a revised roads report. Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **TMP-196** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF USING THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR MAIL OUTS
Councilor Lay requested clarification as to what the community assistance funds were used for. Councilor Thornton requested the budgets for the two different mailings be provided to each Councilor. Councilor Hoskin Jr. agreed a more robust mailing budget was needed and commented he would be bring forward the Community Assistance Legislation next month at Rules committee. Mr. Evans reported the mailers had a return requested which include an additional charge. This return charge will have to come from their community assistance funds. He commented the staff would welcome guidance and legislation on this fund. Councilor Lay made a motion to not allow community assistance funds to be used for mailers in anticipation of Councilor Hoskin Jr. submitting legislation to spell out how the community assistance funds can be used. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion with a friendly amendment that the District 5 mailing returns must come from their community assistance funds. The motion carried. Chair Fishinghawk requested Mr. Evans provide the total cost of postage for the mailer.
Chair Fishinghawk requested this item remain on the agenda next month.
2. **TMP-197** 457b PLAN CONVERSION STATUS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
Mr. Evans gave an overview of the situation with the 457b plan. Both Amy Brill and Bill Foster from Human Resources offered information and answered questions. A comparison handout of the 401k and the 457b plans were provided. Councilor Byrd inquired if other Nations be contacted to determine what their retirement plans are. Councilor Byrd moved to go with the 401k plan.
Councilor Garvin moved to table to allow time to review retirement plans of other tribes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. **12-026** AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #20-11 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - MOD 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis requested the amount of the returns for the District 5

mailer, the number employees/volunteers who worked on the mailer, the cost of employee time, and the cost for the time the mail room was shut down. Chair Fishinghawk requested Mr. Evans assist with the drafting of a FOIA for this information. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:10 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Foster

Amy Brill

Doug Evans

VISITORS PRESENT:

Raymond Vann

Farrell Prater

Flo Guthrie