



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, September 26, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shambaugh made a motion to approve the regular session and the PAC sub minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett extended his gratitude for those who attended the Council orientation last week. He reported on the July financials. During the 50th Anniversary Celebration for CNI last week in Stilwell the employee pay raises were announced. Council Shaw commented Oaklawn has increased their minimum wages. Councilor Smith suggested having the Council orientation yearly at Hard Rock. He requested an update on the Ft. Gibson Casino. Councilor Crittenden requested a bullet point or summary of how the raises will work at CNI to be able to better understand and answer questions. Councilor Buzzard commented on the very informative orientation given to the Council. He inquired if there is any current consideration for business purchases. He requested an update on the hotel and strip mall at the Cherokee Plaza here in Tahlequah. Councilor Deere inquired about citizens with degrees who have worked at the casinos

for several years and can't get promoted. Councilor Legg inquired if the intern program is only at Hard Rock and requested the program information be provided. Councilor Shaw inquired who manages the Plaza tenants and if there are leases. Councilor Nofire suggested a business model of development on Lake Tenkiller and commented on the Bassmaster Tournament being held recently. Councilor Byrd requested an update on Arkansas.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Ms. Scott and Mr. Cole offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced they would be providing a training program with chillers and HVAC. She reminded everyone NCAI is October 19th through the 25th. They will once again participate in the Chili Cookoff at the Pryor Industrial Park and sign a proclamation in honor of manufacturing month in October. October is also disability awareness month. She commended our Fire Coordinator for our Wildland Fire Program, Ruben Chuckaluck, for the work he is doing. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the TANF program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor requested additional information on the women's opioid grant.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. She pointed out a few items on the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

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

ROADS

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new items to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-078](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 1: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shambaugh moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Kim Teehee</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Loretta Keener</i>	<i>Kevin Stretch</i>
<i>Adam McCreary</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Debra Lack</i>
<i>John Young</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Garrett</i>	<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Nate Young</i>		