



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jack D. Baker, Chair*

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Thursday, August 25, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Keener gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

- Present** 11 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin, Jr.; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick
- Absent** 4 - David Thornton Sr.; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk and Janelle Fullbright

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the July 28, 2011 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.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart reported financially the companies are doing well and are on budget. They are about to conclude their budgeting process. He provided a brief overview of the newly acquired Wal-Mart contract. They will be recommending to the board to move forward with the purchase of the building currently leased in Pryor. The trees remain to be an issue at the Ft. Gibson project. The Ramona project is over budget due to some sight work and has been brought back in for some re-budgeting. They are in the design process of the hotel at Hard Rock.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley announced they continue to work with CNE in Claremore/Catoosa, West Siloam and will soon be in Roland and Sallisaw. The Jobs Well Done program will be at the Courthouse Square, complex, pow wow, and the arts & crafts during the holiday. A construction fair was held last Monday with a good turnout plans are in place to have another fair this fall. The TERO vender fair and Indian owned business banquet will be October 20th at the Hard Rock facility. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested clarification of a business and their TERO status.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced they received notification yesterday that they have been awarded another \$725,000 in CDFI grants for business loans.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the amended list provided. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

**Chair Jack D. Baker announced an amended list has been provided. Councilor Glory-Jordan added from her funding \$500 to Owens School Community Center for equipment and \$500 to Family Christian Center Inc. for outreach activities. She also requested both her balance and Councilor Bill John Baker's balance be split among all of the schools in Cherokee county plus Okay and Wagoner to replenish their supply closets. Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ROADS

**No road requests were made.**

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

NEW BUSINESS

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion for \$4,500 to go to Craig County Emergency Management for an emergency management tent. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

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AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Mr. Evans announced a request for amendment has been made to this budget mod for the Cherokee day training program in the amount of \$275,000. A line item has been handed out. Councilor Bill John Baker offered this as a friendly amendment. The friendly was accepted. The motion carried by acclamation.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:36 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher  
Doug Evans  
Anna Knight*

*Dana Espinal  
Diane Kelley  
Meredith Frailey*

*Paula Ragsdale  
Jon Overacker*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*David Stewart  
Gina Olaya*

*Todd Hembree  
Shawn Slaton*

*Raymond Vann*