



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Draft EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, April 25, 2013

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 3 - Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates and Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the March 28, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn provided an update on our local banking situation. She announced the CAFR went out last month; she gave appreciation to the staff involved. She introduced Joel Hauser as our external auditor from BKD. She offered to answer questions from the written report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the external audit process and rotation. Chair Fishinghawk requested a breakdown of the bids listed under acquisition management in relation to non-TERO and TERO and who received the bids.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported they had a great first quarter. They have wrapped up most of the projects and are getting ready to start a refurbishment of the original Cherokee Towers at Hard Rock. They are working diligently to formalize plans and select architects for the health clinics. He gave appreciation to the Council for their support on the credit line.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced the Day Training Program will start on the third Monday in May. She reported they have several applications for the Vocational Training Program. They are currently accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program. She gave appreciation to the Council members who visited the open house event for the Surgery Tech and Business Tech Programs. The State Legislative Day is May 14th with the 13th being Job Corp Legislative Day at the State Capitol. She gave the web location if anyone was interested in entering the parade for the Stilwell Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 11th. The Inter Tribal Council meeting will be at Hard Rock in Catoosa on May 7th and 8th. They will hold a NCAI planning meeting following the conclusion of the Inter Tribal meetings on the 8th there at the Hard Rock. They have a meeting planned next week with CNB, EODD and Grand Gateway in regard to the EDA Grant for the infrastructure for the health facilities. Councilor Byrd suggested additional public relations efforts are made for the surgery tech and business tech programs. He also suggested reviewing the possibility of keeping the stipend for the participants. He also inquired if the Day Workers would be at the Heritage Center again this year. Councilor Cowan Watts requested notification of the planning meetings for NCAI. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the minutes of the previously held planning meetings be provided to all Councilors and any correspondence needed by the Council or any one Councilor be coordinated through this office. She requested Hulbert Schools be contacted for placement of Summer Youth participants. Ms. Kelley provided copies of the Day Training Flyers.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Ms. Gilliland announced this would be her last report to the Council as she has stepped down as Executive Director effective in July. She introduced Jason Denney as the Acting Executive Director. He gave a brief overview of his background and reported they would be doing a summer CCPI at the University of Arkansas and a fall ACT prep course at Sequoyah High School. Ms. Gilliland announced the ACT test scores are coming in, they served almost two-hundred students this year through two different programs. She announced they partnered with the University of Arkansas to do an ACT prep course pilot program in Watts, Stilwell and Westville. The Cherokee College Preparatory Institute will be held at the University of Arkansas on July 7th through the 12th with 120 students signed up to attend. She reported 13 of the students that attended the CCPI last year have received full financial scholarships to Ivy League colleges. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the College 101 Workshop event in Dallas this weekend. Councilor Keener gave appreciation for all of Ms. Gilliland's hard work. Councilor Thornton inquired about the employees of the Foundation.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve as provided. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Baker requested a correction on the report provided in that the \$9,000 each that he and Councilor Coates are giving to the Cherokee Nation Foundation is for scholarships and not organizational support. Councilor Walkingstick requested the Gans Little League be removed from his approval list. Councilor Baker made a motion to be approved as corrected. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the following requests be split equally between herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick - \$30,000 to the Cherokee County Sheriff's office, \$10,836.86 to the Tahlequah Police Department and \$10,836.85 to the Hulbert Police Department. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested the addition of \$3,500 to the Nowata Fire Department. Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the roads request report. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-250](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - GRAND GATEWAY FUNDS
Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [TMP-251](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - CARRYOVER FUNDS
Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [TMP-256](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TERO ACT SECTION 7 - TERO FEES FOR JOB TRAINING
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-063](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Ms. Horn gave an overview of the changes requested. The motion to approve carried.

2. [TMP-261](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE HERITAGE CENTER FUNDING REQUEST

Councilor Baker moved to table for one month. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [TMP-262](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STATUS REVIEW OF ALL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Councilor Glory-Jordan announced she has been in communication with the Executive Branch and have been assured the majority will be disbursed within the month. She moved to table for one month. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [13-064](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Jody Reece gave an overview of Mod. 8 as requested. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Byrd made a motion to continue Miss Cherokee's travel and expenditures in the amount of \$7,500 as she is an ambassador of the Tribe and not an employee. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to take the funds from carryover. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:07 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Robert Garcia</i>	<i>Lisa Trice Turtle</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Ashley Canoe</i>
<i>Connie Davis</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>
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*Ruth Ann Weaver
Farrell Prater
Larry Horn*

*Joel Hauser
Phyllis Lay*

*Kim Gilliland
Jason Denney*