



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, April 30, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the March 26th regular session minutes.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the March financial results. He gave an update on the clinic and casino projects including the renovation of Outpost #1. The Roland casino is scheduled to open the week before Memorial Day. There will be a VIP and dignitary event on the 12th at the new Roland facility. The Board approved phase 1 of the District at Hard Rock which will consist of a new pool, spa and a front desk. The site work will begin soon on Cherokee Plaza with entrances. He reported on the lease at Woodmark. They are in the final stages of purchasing thirty lots in Vian for future home sites. They are behind schedule on the home construction in both West Siloam and Roland due to the wet weather. The grand opening of the Ochelata Clinic is scheduled for this coming Monday. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the build

cost for Roland. Councilor Lay inquired about the consideration of a permanent structure for the South Coffeyville casino. He inquired where the housing addition locations are currently and the process for acquiring families for the homes. Councilor Cowan Watts requested additional clarification on the homes being built. Councilor Buzzard commented on another tribe purchasing a filling station in Grove and currently doing renovations.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced the FY2014 comprehensive audit report is complete and has been provided to the Council. The popular annual report has also been provided. She gave an overview of both and explained the differences. The FY2014 single audit was completed and signed off on yesterday by the Tulsa auditor. They are currently in the process of the FY2016 budget preparations. She commented there are some organizations that remain to pick up surplus equipment in the warehouse. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the travel for elected officials being posted online.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided a flyer for the Stilwell Strawberry Festival. She announced a Cherokee Nation resource tent will be set up at the festival. She announced they had a great turn out at the job fair in West Siloam. She has had a crew in Sequoyah County assisting with the hiring for the new Roland casino. They will be doing a job fair in Tulsa in the later part of May and here at the complex in June. Cherokee's with college degrees looking for jobs can submit their resume to be placed on cherokeecareerconnections.org. She provided an update on the staffing and job duty changes. An update was provided for the Summer Youth Program. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the office moves and the testing center needing to be recertified prior to being used in the new location. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the Summer Youth participants be broken down by county or district. Ms. Kelley gave an update on the culinary classes in Sallisaw. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the TERO fees collected.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Mr. Stephen Highers reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. He provided an update on the KAWI Café announcing they are going to have fresh produce from local farmers. They are working with the Tri-Community WEB Association to provide an aqua-ponic garden module. He provided an update on the traditional games. The First Peoples Fund is bringing four tribes to the Cherokee Nation in May. He announced menu changes at the KAWI Café. Mr. Highers gave an update on their business loans. He announced the Tulsa Jewish Center is featuring a Native American art show with plans to feature this show in Israel. Councilor Thornton requested a list of the locations of the commercial loan applications.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Ms. Kelley requested the 10 new TERO certifications be tabled. Speaker Jordan suggested recessing this meeting to May 11th at 5:00 prior to the Council meeting. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table the TERO certifications until the reconvened meeting on the 11th. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Baker move to approve the new list provided. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece announced a new list has been provided and requested a revision move of Talala to the Law Enforcement report. Councilor Thornton requested \$300 to the Tahlequah Immersion School and requested anyone else donate for their choir trip. Councilors Byrd, Glory Jordan, Vazquez, Hargis, Walkingstick, Taylor, Snell, Fullbright, Baker, Lay, Garvin, Buzzard are donated \$100 each, Councilor Keener donated \$500. Councilor Lay requested \$100 to War Pony. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece read a list into the record from Councilor Lay to deplete his funding. Several Councilors requested their remaining .20 be obligated. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-041](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 8a; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Hargis moved to approve the handout Mod. 8a. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Keener opposed.

ROADS

Councilor Glory Jordan requested to revisit Roads. Councilor Baker made a motion to reconsider the Roads. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Glory Jordan requested the addition of the DD Etcherson road from the bridge funds for \$6,000. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to amend the existing approved list with this addition. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker made a motion to recess until 5:00 on the day of the Council meeting to consider the TERO consent item only. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Penny Noiseworthy</i>	<i>John Smith</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>Stephen Highers</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>
<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Betsy Swimmer</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		