



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Executive and Finance Committee

Thursday, August 30, 2007

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack Baker called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilman Chuck Hoskin Jr. gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cara Cowan Watts moved for the approval of the minutes of the July 26th regular session with amendments to the community assistance report. The amendments are as follows: \$500 from Councilor Watts is for Will Rogers Library for the Claremore Reads Together Program and the \$600 split between Councilors Martin and Crittenden is for Robert Lee Catron for higher education assistance. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Cara Cowan Watts moved for the approval of minutes of the July 17th Employment regular session. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS:

Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried with two (2) abstentions from Councilors Glory-Jordan and Bill Baker.

REPORTS:

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to have reports submitted in writing or limit their reports to two minutes. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report/Secretary-Treasurer Report:
Tamyse Leake

Callie Catcher stated the Financial Resources Department is gearing up for year end and budget hearings.

Cherokee Nation Enterprise:
David Stewart

Shaun Slaten, CNE Vice President and Chief Financial Officer introduced Don LaBass, Chief Accounting Officer. CNE is anxious to serve the new Council and appreciated all the cooperation they received in the past. He submitted a written report and if there are questions the Council can feel free to give him a call.

Cherokee Nation Industries:

Dennis McLemore

Dennis McLemore reported their year has been extended but at the end of June they had \$111 million dollars work of sales and profit was \$2.2 million from operations. They have a loan of \$50 million from CNB which they operate on. He also has submitted a written report.

Historical Society:

Carey Tilley

Carey Tilley reported as of the end of July, the Heritage Center has served more people from the same period of time in 2006. They are up in the various admission incomes for the year. Due to the summer being so positive they have been making good progress on the long term debt and in August they have paid off one of the notes to Bank of America. The homecoming art show is still up featuring Cherokee only artist.

Cherokee Nation Business:

Callie Catcher

Brad Carson was not present to give report.

Career Services/Employment

Diane Kelley

Diane Kelley announced they are holding a job fair beginning tomorrow at the Health conference room that will run through Saturday for the Cherokee entities. They have been working with the AERT Group out of Adair County in being the lead agency to help them recruit for their business. They are still meeting with Brad Carson and CNB regarding who takes the lead role in working with economic development to partnering with outside entities. They were notified by Gatorade that they are no longer taking applications but should start back up again sometime in the fall.

Commerce

Anna Knight

Anna Knight provided written reports on the Commerce Group.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Doug Evans stated there are no other community assistance requests beyond what is in the mod package.

Councilor Cowan Watts questioned a community assistance request for the War Pony. She asked Raymond Vann, representative of War Pony who was in attendance if he had federal or state non-profit status. Before a check is issued she would like a copy of the non-profit status and War Pony's last two years of audits.

Todd Hembree stated he will be in contact with Mr. Vann to get all the documentation that Councilor Cowan Watts has requested.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval with the exception to have War Pony's money withheld until proper information is provided. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of law enforcement requests. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to amend the agenda to set up the E&F Sub-Committee for political contributions. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Cemetery Restoration Assistance Applications

Councilor Anglen stated there are two cemetery requests in District 8 that he would like to table to next month which would include Chisholm Cemetery and Spybuck Cemetery. Councilor Bill Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill Baker moved for approval of the Barber Cemetery in District 1 for the amount of \$500. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Crittenden stated the Chuculate Cemetery has already been funded in FY 2007 therefore he would like to table this item to next month. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill Baker moved for the approval of Row Cemetery in District 5. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Frailey moved for the approval of Wickliffe Cemetery in District 6. Councilor Bill Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Anglen moved for the approval of the Charley Indian Cemetery in District 8. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Hoskin moved for the approval of the Garbarino Cemetery in District 9. Councilor Bill Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to amend the agenda to add Chulio Cemetery. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill Baker moved to approve the Chulio Cemetery for \$500 dollars. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and Possible Action for Funding of a Cemetery Assistance Program Employee

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table this item to next month. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 3. MFT & MVT Road & Bridge Project Requests for FY2007.

All current requests included in this month's package fall within each respective Council member's allocated balance. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to accept. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 4. AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-06 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 - Mod. 11; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Doug Evans stated there is \$1.1 million of new grant money in this package with \$362,000 of it being carryover adjustments and \$760,000 in new awards for DHHS and USDA. Mod 11 has 12 budgets in it for a total of \$1.68 million dollars.

This matter was Approved with Ammendments

- 5. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR P.L. 102-477 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Kim Carroll stated this three year plan outlines the activities associated with providing employment and training and related services activities to participants. The funding amount is \$9,000,000 with no match required and the plan activities begin October 1, 2007.

Councilor Anglen moved for the approval. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Political Action Committee:

Chair Jack Baker stated this item is asking to approval to set up a sub-committee for the political action committee and anyone on the Council is welcome to attend.

Council members declared membership for sub-committee:

<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Janelle Fullbright</i>	<i>Tina Glory-Jordan</i>	
<i>Don Garvin</i>	<i>Buel Anglen</i>	<i>Jack D. Baker</i>	<i>Cara</i>
<i>Cowan Watts</i>	<i>Brad Cobb</i>		

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to set the date for the sub-committee meeting for Tuesday, September 11th at 1:00 p.m. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Hearings:

Chair Jack Baker stated the budget hearings are set to begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10th for the Executive Branch overview and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11th for the Legislative Branch overview. There is also a proposal to recess the council meeting on Monday, September 10th to Wednesday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m. to pass the budget. If the budget hearings have not been concluded by Wednesday, September 12th, they will meet and recess again to Thursday, September 13th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for September 27th at 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Cowan Watts announced the Government Relations Retreat Group is having a hog fry this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Historical Center and the youth choir will be

performing at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved for adjournment. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Ginger Brown
Diane Kelley*

*Doug Evans
Anna Knight*

Callie Catcher

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Dennis McLemore
Shawn Slaten*

*Carey Tilley
Gina Olaya*

Brian Collins

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____