



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, March 26, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Keener gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - Cara Cowan Watts and Jodie Fishinghawk

Late Arrival 3 - Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick and Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Keener moved to approve the February 26th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the January financial results. He gave status updates on the clinics and the current casino projects. Councilor Buzzard inquired as what would happen to the old hotel at Roland.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced they have a new Director of the Grant Services Department, Tanya Johnson. The comprehensive audit will be complete next week. They are wrapping up their single audit with expectations to be complete in May. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the contract support cost carryover.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley handed out a flyer with a listing of all of the Career Services offices and contact information. She reported they will have approximately 600 Summer Youth kids starting the 8th of June. She gave an overview of the various staffing changes within her department. She gave an update on the Re-entry Program. She commented on positions needed at Lazyboy and gave an update on the job fair held for Gates Rubber Company. They will be meeting with the construction crew next week and following up on the lead for the pipeline work also. She gave an update on the old Simmons plant in Jay. She provided an update on the job fairs, the culinary classes and the welding classes. Councilor Lay requested contact information on all of the TERO staffing changes.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight gave an update on the Cort Mall announcing a new tenant. She commented on a meeting held with the Regional Director of the SBA, the Oklahoma District Director for the SBA, the Director of Native American Programs along with our Deputy Chief and Secretary of State where they discussed some of the changes in 8A contracting. She reported a 8A training was held yesterday. The traditional games will start next month in Chewey. Ms. Knight commented on some possible business loans for veterans and discussed to possibility of doing some mid-sized loans in the next year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Historical Society - Candessa Tehee

Dr. Tehee announced they have 400 school children on the property today for Cherokee Territory Days. They are preparing to hire seasonal tour guides. She gave an overview of the upcoming events including the next board meeting and the Trail of Tears Art Show. They have recently instituted a new art series in the Atrium area of the museum. They currently have the winners of the JOM art contest on display. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the timeline of the JOM art display. Chair Taylor inquired about the estimates on the current building especially the archives and collections area. Councilor Byrd inquired about the amphitheater feasibility study. He inquired about the number of current board members and the total budget for the Heritage Center. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about their fundraising and their employee status. Ms. Tehee commented they desperately need a Development Director.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Buzzard inquired about the amount of collections for non-Cherokee worker fees. Councilor Thornton inquired about the 51% TERO requirement.

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece announced a new list was provided. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new handout was provided and Mr. Reece requested the following changes be made: Adair County 4H from Councilor Hargis for \$1,000 and the Locust Grove Community Coalition should be Councilor Taylor not Councilor Buzzard. Councilor Lay requested \$1,000 for Operation Eagle. Councilor Glory Jordan requested a split equally between herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick \$3,000 to the Tri Community Organization. Councilor Hargis moved to approve the list as amended. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new handout was provided. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece went over the roads request and the change provided. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include a Resolution to donate surplus warehouse equipment. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [15-038](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CHEROKEE NATION INDUSTRIES, EMPLOYEE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [15-039](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 7; AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the proposed budget modification. The motion to approve carried.

3. [15-040](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH PROGRAM TO DONATE AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) TO ZION PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATED IN ADAIR COUNTY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>George Roach</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Brandy James</i>
<i>John Smith</i>	<i>Mary Dunlap</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Candessa Tehee</i>