



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack D. Baker, Chair

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Thursday, July 29, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Julia Coates and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 2 - Bradley Cobb and Janelle Fullbright

Late Arrival 4 - Chuck Hoskin; Jodie Fishinghawk; Meredith Frailey and S. Joe Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the June 24th regular session, July 12th Donations and Contributions sub committee and the July 13th PAC sub committee minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Garvin moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution donating surplus office equipment to the Webbers Falls Historical Society Museum. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilor Bill John Baker opposed.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

Ms. Catcher offered to answer questions from her written report. She announced the FY2011 budgets will be delivered tomorrow. The Vinita loan is scheduled to close tomorrow. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if the Strategic Budget Committee had changed their name. Ms. Catcher commented she has been calling them the Strategic Budget Group but nothing official has taken place. Ms. Catcher stated they plan to post the full budget on the website once the budget hearings are final in the same way the annual report is posted. Councilor Fishinghawk requested it be transparent down to the line item for our people to see. Councilor Buzzard inquired about tentative budget hearing dates. Chair Jack D. Baker commented they will be scheduled on the 8th, 9th and 10th of September. He suggested reviewing the budget once received and asking questions during the committee meetings scheduled on the 16th and 17th of August. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the budget books would be mailed out. Ms. Catcher stated they were still compiling the books this afternoon and would bring them and a CD over as early as possible tomorrow morning. She stated the binder will not be as large as in years past. The CD will provide all of the budgets down to the account number with the book being more of a summary. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a print out of the CD as well. Councilor Fishinghawk requested of Mr. Evans in spreadsheet form a breakdown for the last three years of general funds and federal funds tied up in unfilled positions. Councilor Fishinghawk further requested a breakdown of funds given out of the PAC committee to candidates who lost their election. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if there would be a way to determine the length of time a vacant position has been open which would have used general funds. Mr. Evans gave appreciation to Ms. Catcher for allowing him to participate in the Vinita loan project. He announced he would provide the Council with a memo next week explaining what has occurred through this process, the new credit facility and hedge instrument.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart announced they have consolidated all of the reports into one by providing an operational highlight for each company. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the CNB report be mailed to her home from CNB. Mr. Stewart stated they would continue to email and also provide a hard copy in the mail to Councilor Glory-Jordan. Mr. Stewart reported the net income consolidated was approximately \$7ml. The gaming side has a slight increase over last year. The subsidiary companies are profitable except for the new security company. They have hired a CEO for the security company. CNI is doing well with a year to date net income of approximately \$900,000 which is up significantly from last year. They have just started a shared service implementation from CNB into CNI to provide consistent policy and procedures. He reported they are in the middle of the budget process and would provide details upon their approval. He announced they signed a lease for Blue Ribbon Downs to be used as a training facility. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired as to why only 13 of the 27 vendors at the Ramona property were TERO when legislation was passed for it to be as close to 100% as possible. Mr. Stewart commented he would review but thought the dollars spent would be at a higher percentage. Councilor Buzzard about the uses of the new building purchased. Mr. Stewart stated they will be moving several of the smaller companies along with Cultural Tourism into the building. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the cost of the building be emailed to her.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley offered to answer questions from her written report. Councilor Fishinghawk requested Ms. Kelley research to see if the contract with the new person hired as an investigator for the Marshal Service met the minimum TERO requirements. Ms. Kelley announced the Summer Programs have ended.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from her written report. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired who reviews the denied Mortgage Assistance applications. Ms. Knight stated Norma Merriman's group within Human Services does the reviews. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the criminal policy in regard to the MAP Program being more flexible. Mr. Hembree suggested looking at the policy. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commented he would like to see the number of times an applicant has been denied and if the Review Committee has reversed a decision.

Historical Society - Carey Tilley

Mr. Tilley reported the on sight visitation is way up from last year. He announced they are experiencing a tough climate in regard to fundraising. The Honoring Dinner will be held in October. He gave appreciation to all of the staff's hard work.

Cherokee Nation Education Corporation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Ms. Gilliland announced they received the final balance on the Reddus Estate. The 2010/2011 private scholarships totaling \$90,000 have been awarded.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced an updated list had been provided. Councilor Garvin moved to approve all six applications. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilor Buzzard abstaining.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced an updated list had been provided. Mr. Evans announced an additional request for the City of Vinita in the amount of \$4,500. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilor Bill John Baker opposed.

ROADS

Councilor Garvin moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION: STATUS OF FY2010 COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Mr. Tyler Corey, from the Washington office, provided an update in the absence of Ms. Ragsdale. He reported the fourteen elderly nutrition sights have been located within the jurisdictional area. Surveys have been sent out to fifty-nine food pantries within the jurisdictional area with a return deadline for the end of this month. They will be working with Mr. Charlie Soap to identify the Community Organizations. Mr. Corey provided a one page synopsis of the Tribal Law Bill.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-09 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 - MOD 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Evans announced Mod 10 is a combination of most of Mod 8 and a few additional items. The items in red were originally submitted in the Vetoed Mod 8. He stated he didn't see any technical problems with the Mod. Councilor Buzzard announced there is a need to transfer funds from the 2010 Indian Housing Plan for Mortgage Assistance. Ms. Catcher stated the request is to move \$973,887 from 2010 IHP which hasn't been previously budgeted. They are also requesting to increase the 2009 IHP budget for Mortgage Assistance by \$196,113 by reprogramming funds within the Commerce Group.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve with changes. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DONATION OF SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT FROM CHEROKEE NATION TO WEBBERS FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSUEM

Councilor Garvin requested both Councilors Fullbright and Thornton be added as sponsors. He moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Bill John Baker voiced concern for a Justice of the Supreme Court writing legislation. Ms. Catcher stated Justice Poteet didn't write the legislation that her assistance wrote it. Councilor Garvin amended his motion to approve to change the author to Callie Catcher. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:40 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher
Anna Knight
Jon Overacker*

*Mike Miller
Shay Smith
Marvin Jones*

*Diane Kelley
Doug Evans
Tyler Corey*

Ashely Canoe

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Kimberlee Gilliland
Todd Hembree
Carey Tilley*

*David Stewart
Charles Dry
Ruth Ann Weaver*

*Ollie Starr
Robert Drvostep
Mark Coates*