



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jack D. Baker, Chair*

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Thursday, February 24, 2011

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

**Late Arrival** 1 - Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the January 27, 2011 regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

*Ms. Catcher offered to answer questions from her written report. She addressed some questions and concerns regarding the federal budget.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

*Mr. Stewart gave an update on the collapse of casino 3 at Catoosa. He announced as of Monday the Sprung is now open. They will place an additional 200 games throughout the Catoosa property to try to offset the games that were a part of the roof collapse. He provided status updates on the Ramona, Ft. Gibson and Tahlequah projects. He stated the blizzard will have a significant financial impact across all of*

*the properties. They will hold a strategy session on Sunday afternoon and continue Monday morning where they will discuss ways to increase Cherokee employment through training programs as well as expansion and diversification strategies. He invited the Council to attend these strategy sessions. The board meeting will begin at noon following the completion of the strategy sessions. Mr. Stewart gave an update on some of the questions submitted by Councilor Cowan Watts regarding employment percentages and other employment concerns. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested with the response to Councilor Cowan Watts question regarding positions where non-Cherokees were hired if the number of Cherokees who applied would also be included in the information and why the Cherokee wasn't hired. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the salary ranges for the ninety-six new hires be provided along with the other information.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported they are meeting with Mr. Stewart and they are looking at several different programs in which they interweave into possible pilot programs for some of the positions at CNE. They have placed Darryl Legg over the OJT Coordination. She gave an update on the Day Work program. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about job equity within the programs throughout the fourteen county jurisdiction. She requested additional information be provided on the report next month regarding the salary range for those hired. She announced job resource fairs in West Siloam and Catoosa on March 10th and April 7th with some of the transportation issues being topics of discussion. Ms. Kelley announced a meeting will be held on March 24th in West Siloam Springs for Districts 1,2 and 3 and on March 25th in Catoosa for Districts 4 and 5 regarding the new districting, road money and economic development.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight provided handout of guidelines for commercial loans as requested and offered to answer questions from the written report provided.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Ms. Kelley requested an amendment to include Advanced Workzone in the approved list for certifications. She stated it was pulled for questions and those have been answered. The amendment was accepted. The motion to approve carried.**

##### CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

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

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

**No law enforcement requests were presented for approval.**

ROADS

**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-018](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Cobb moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:40 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Callie Catcher</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Pat Gwin</i>	<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>Pat Ragsdale</i>
<i>Paula Ragsdale</i>	<i>David Southerland</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>David Stewart</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>
<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Keith Davis</i>	