



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Tuesday, December 12, 2017

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ;
Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; Harley
Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith and Mary Baker Shaw

Absent 2 - Shawn Crittenden and Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 3 - David Walkingstick; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the November 14th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Garrett reported on the September financials. He provided an update on the Cherokee Springs Plaza plans. Details were given in regard to the road construction in front of Cherokee Plaza and South Ridge. They are continually looking at how to improve and meet market demand at the Hard Rock facility. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired about raising the dividend to assist with the contract health short fall. Councilor Byrd inquired about the hotel at Cherokee Plaza. Councilor Lay inquired about timelines for the Cherokee Plaza projects. Councilor Anglen inquired about the Sprung structure at Hard Rock. Councilor Buzzard asked about the acquirement of new businesses.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported on the 4th of December she participated in a Treasury listening session regarding sales tax and bonds. They are in the process of the FY2017 yearend close and the auditors will soon be on site. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired about the odd for sales tax coming to the tribe. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about annexing to the city of Tahlequah at Cherokee Springs. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired about the hotel developer at the Cherokee Springs Plaza. She also inquired if we own the right of way at the Port of Catoosa. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on funding to the Marshal Service and Gaming Commission. Councilor Lay inquired about the ownership of Ross Construction.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced she would receive her diploma from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute in a week. She stated three other employees within her department who are working toward their degrees at this time. Ms. Kelley gave some statistics from her department for the year.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight touched on highlights from the report. She reported on some of their incoming grants. She stated the CNB procurement numbers are still not included in the reports but they are working toward a solution for the issue. Councilor Smith requested clarification on the minority leadership grant. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the TERO report in regard to CNB procurement.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new community assistance list was provided. Mr. Reece announced additional requests from Councilor Warner for Belfonte Baptist Church \$500, Muldrow Cherokee Organization \$500, Brushy Cherokee Community Action Association \$500, and Marble City Community Organization \$500. Councilor Austin requested \$1,500 to the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. Councilor Hargis moved to approve.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-139](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-17 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - MOD 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard requested an overview of the modification request. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dobbins gave an update on the Health work group.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:55 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Hunter Palmer</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Curtis Snell</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Garrett</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Solen Deerinwater</i>
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