



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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Thursday, January 28, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:02 .m.

INVOCATION

Deputy Chief Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Coates, Deere and Shaw attended remotely.

Present 15 - Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Joe Byrd and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the December 2020 minutes as submitted. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave an update on the financials, the new employee health center in Catoosa and an update on COVID vaccines. Chair inquired about the expected opening date for the employee clinic. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the employee clinic would be staffed by the Cherokee Nation Health and the number of staff in the clinic. Councilor Buzzard inquired if it is for CNB employees only and if the employees insurance will be billed. Councilor Shaw requested an update on gaming in Arkansas. Councilor Nofire inquired about the Pope County Arkansas permit. He asked about bonuses to the CNB employees and executives. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation for the bonuses given to the CNI employees.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Treasurer Scott announced they have received awards for both in financial reporting and the budget. She gave appreciation to her staff for their hard work. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Duncan gave appreciation to Ms. Scott for her outstanding job as Treasurer during this pandemic. Treasurer Scott provided a handout of a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the Corona Virus Relief Fund Spending Report. She gave an extensive overview of the presentation. Following the presentation Chair Taylor inquired if the audit of these funds will be a separate audit from our annual audit. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for funding not being set aside for mental health. He also inquired about business assistance. Councilor Legg suggested the next initiative include a 10 bed detox facility and possibly a joint venture for those in need of mental health assistance. Councilor Nofire suggested the Council get together and make a list of ideas for the next set of funding coming. He inquired when the Council would receive an itemized list of the COVID funding. Councilor Nofire requested additional clarification on the Cherokee Nation payroll for \$72ml. He inquired if the left over Indian Health Service funds could be used for a rehab facility. Councilor Shambaugh commented we also need an assisted living center and adult protective services.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Debra Lack offered to answer questions from Ms. Kelley's report. Councilor Austin requested login information for the NORA Summit.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced for those who didn't receive their \$600 stimulus check from the IRS they will have to ask for it in their tax returns. They will start tax preparations at the beginning of February. Councilor Buzzard inquired about tax preparation for those who work 8 to 5.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

An updated list was provided. Mr. Jody Reece added \$1,000 each for Briggs School, Lowery School, Tahlequah High School, and Grandview school from Councilor Byrd. Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided. Mr. Reece announced an addition for Councilor Shambaugh of \$5,000 to the town of Colcord. He also announced the motor vehicle tax funding will be coming through in the February Executive & Finance Committee. The funding amount will be \$41,268 each this year.

ROADS

Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

A new list was provided. Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new livestock requests were submitted.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

An updated report was provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [21-009](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO HOUSE OF PRAISE CHURCH
Councilor Legg withdrew this resolution.
2. [21-010](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP, INC
Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve the donations of surplus items in Toto. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [21-011](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO TOWN OF DISNEY
Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve the donations of surplus items in Toto. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [21-012](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO ZOE INSTITUTE, INC
Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve the donations of surplus items in Toto. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. [21-013](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the judicial increase and where the funding is coming from.

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:47 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Bryan Warner</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>		

<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Debra Lack</i>	<i>Todd Gourd</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
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Remote:
Chuck Garrett