



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Executive and Finance Committee

Thursday, October 25, 2007

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack Baker called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilman Frailey gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Don Garvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of the minutes of the September 27th regular session. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Secretary-Treasurer Report:
Tamyse Leake

Callie Catcher provided a written report. They continue to work on year end close for FY 2007. The Finance Department obtained the GFOA Award for FY 06 CAFR.

Cherokee Nation Enterprise:
David Stewart

Shaun Slaten reported steel and concrete are planned for the West Siloam Springs expansion and they will be meeting next Tuesday with the State of Arkansas and going over their plan for highway 412. The expansion for Catoosa is ongoing, steel and concrete is planned for November for the hotel, casino and convention center expansion.

Cherokee Nation Industries:
Dennis McLemore

Dennis McLemore reported the field work for the audit will begin next month. At the end of July they had \$1.4 million in profits and retained \$5 million in cash. At the end of August net worth was \$10 million and earnings of \$1.7 million.

Historical Society:
Carey Tilley

Carey Tilley reported as of the end of September the Cherokee Heritage Center has served a total of 30,311 persons through daily admissions, group tours, special events, and off-site services. Total earned income for January through September is up from the same period in 2006 by \$30,000. They continue to make progress on paying down the Long Term Debt with payments totaling \$25,000 in September. The Twelfth Annual Cherokee Homecoming Art Show ended on October 7th with 57% of the show being sold this year and raising over \$18,500.

Cherokee Nation Business:
Callie Catcher

Brad Carson was out sick.

Career Services/Employment
Diane Kelley

Diane Kelley provided a written report. She announced they have received notification of new grant funding for FY 08 for the Native American Career and Technology Education Program in the amount of \$601,742. They will be having a job fair in Catoosa on November 29th in conjunction with the bid assistance fair that the Commerce Department is putting on.

Commerce
Anna Knight

Anna Knight provided a written report.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Additions to report: Kansas Head Start \$500 Councilors Buzzard/Snell
Kenwood Head Start \$450 Councilors Buzzard/Snell
Jay Head Start \$650 Councilors Buzzard/Snell

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for approval of all community assistance for the month of October. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vinita Police Department \$1,838.94 Councilor Hoskin, Jr.
South Coffeyville Police Dept. \$500.00 Councilor Hoskin, Jr.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of the law enforcement requests. Councilor Frailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval as reported. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION APPLICATIONS

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to amend the agenda to add Mt. Zion cemetery for \$500 to District 1. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the cemetery requests for District 1. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve the cemetery requests for District 2.

Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Chuck Hoskin, Jr. made a motion to approve the cemetery requests for District 9. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Frailey made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue at the end of new business. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action for Funding of a Cemetery Assistance Program Employee
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table this item to next month. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. MFT & MVT Road & Bridge Project Requests for FY2007.
Doug Evans stated this month's package includes only refunds o a couple of completed projects.
District #3 - Sequoyah Road Refund of \$386.00
District #6 - Cole-Strang Striping Refund of \$3546.00
Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-07 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 - Mod. 1;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Doug Evans stated mod 1 had a net of \$126,000 of grants to be reported and a budget increase request in the amount of \$2,459,286.
Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval of mod 1. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion.

Doug Evans stated Callie Catcher submitted a budget as a writer to this mod for the landfill.

Councilor Cowan Watts accepted the budget for the landfill.

Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to table the landfill budget portion. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to add \$20,000 to Mod 1 for Indian Child Welfare, Tribal Custody children for Christmas gifts which will be a general fund appropriation. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Cowan Watts motion for approval of mod 1 with the additional \$20,000 passed.

Appropriation for Housing Refinancing (\$1,000,000)

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to table this item for 30 days. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Frailey made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee entered executive session at 3:50 p.m.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Councilor Frailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Frailey made a motion for the promotion and selection of Shelli Brittain for the Legislative Coordinator position. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for November 29th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved for adjournment. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Callie Catcher</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Jokay Dowell</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Ginger Brown</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Melanie Knight</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dennis McLemore</i>	<i>Carey Tilley</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>
<i>Mike Miller</i>	<i>Emily Bushyhead</i>		
<i>Shaun Slaten</i>	<i>Brian Collins</i>		

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: **Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary**

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____