



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, October 28, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cobb gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Late Arrival 1 - Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cobb moved to approve the September 8th through the 10th budget hearings, the September 13th PAC sub committee, the September 30th regular session and the September 30th donations and contributions sub committee. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

Ms. Catcher offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart reported CNE is approximately 10% above last year. The budget is complete for all companies. The increase at CNE is due to an expected higher occupancy at the hotel and the completion of the road construction. The opening of the Joint has so far been a great success. They are looking at the possibility of

building a larger facility at Ramona and Ft. Gibson. They are also looking to upgrade all of the air quality systems at Catoosa. In regard to CNB the process is working very well with the industry teams and board member involvement. The Board authorized the executive committee to purchase a company in the medical field. CNI continues to have positive profits. A lot of time is being spent at CNB implementing common financial reporting, software, platforms and other shared services. They are focused on implementing a more aggressive sales strategy at CNI to boost the bottom line. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about CNI employees receiving a bonus. Mr. Stewart stated the books currently show they have met the requirements to get their bonuses.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Mr. Jon Overacker offered to answer questions from Mr. Kelley's written report. Councilor Fishinghawk stated she is receiving complaints regarding to the Day Work Program. There are middle aged men in her area who don't have a GED and when they come to the Day Work Program they are being placed in GED classes. These men do not want to sit in class to obtain their GED nor do the classes have the materials to teach some of them as they test at a second or third grade level. She requested the barriers be reviewed and considerations be made for these instances. She further questioned the requirement to have a driver's license. Mr. Overacker stated he would take the questions back and have answers provided. Councilor Fishinghawk requested additional information be provided on the new driver's education program. Councilor Cowan Watts questioned if there was a plan to increase the number of Day Work sites in Rogers County so the people of Rogers County don't have to drive to Tahlequah or other locations for work/participation. Mr. Overacker commented there are jobs coming open in the Catoosa area with the construction projects. Councilor Hoskin Jr. also voiced concern for Day Work opportunities in his area. He suggested using Day Workers at the community organizations. Mr. Overacker announced the TERO Vendor Fair is November 9th at the Hard Rock facility in Catoosa. Councilor Buzzard inquired if A-Pac Construction is working with the TERO Job Bank. Mr. Overacker commented they will have seven Cherokees working with them on the Honey Hill road project.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report she provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired if we attempt to collect on charged off loans. Ms. Knight stated they exhaust all avenues prior to charging them off. They continue to keep track of the charge offs and make contact approximately once a year unless they were a bankruptcy. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if Cultural Tourism Business referred to in the report are actively connected to the Cherokee Cultural Tourism group at CNE. Ms. Knight stated they currently just work with the community tourism however it is something that can be checked into.

Historical Society - Carey Tilley

Mr. Tilley announced they hit a five year high this year over the holiday with over 11,000 people on sight. They had a record number of kids at the Cherokee Days event with over 1,300 hundred school kids in attendance. This year the total number of people served is up 4% from last year but is up 66% from this time in 2006. Last month they were honored to receive National Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History for the Outreach Program. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the Heritage Center's attendance at their community meeting. Councilor Fishinghawk also requested their participation in their community meeting scheduled for the 11th of November.

Cherokee Nation Education Corporation - Kimberlie Gilliland

Chair Jack D. Baker announced a written report had been provided. Dr. Shelley Butler-Allen was unable to stay for the meeting to answer any questions.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to approve with the exception of Advanced Workzone Services. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No requests were presented. Councilor Thornton questioned the law enforcement requests being listed on the agenda until January.

ROADS

Mr. Evans announced a revised road report has been provided. Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

Chair Jack D. Baker requested the agenda be amended to consider some PAC contributions. Councilor Bill John Baker moved to amend. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Mr. Evans reported on \$2.3ml in grants included in this modification. Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the total amount projected to spend on the Veteran's Center and how it would be funded. Ms. Catcher stated the \$500,000 carved out of the capitol improvement reserve has a contingency on this center. The idea behind the center is to be a volunteer and contributions effort. Fundraising efforts are in full force. She was unsure of the timeline for completion. The total cost of the building is estimated at \$2.3ml. Councilor Cowan Watts voiced concern for

there not being a clear plan of this is what and how much is needed in regard to this amount of funds is needed or volunteers are needed for these tasks. Ms. Catcher stated she would take the feedback to the committee. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the increase in tribal contract health dollars would be available to citizens denied through Indian Health Service contract health at Claremore. Ms. Catcher stated this is Indian Health Service contract health monies and is referred to as SHEF funds. It is a reimbursement for catastrophic health emergency funds and does have requirements and restrictions associated with the uses. Councilor Fishinhawk inquired if the TERO vendors have been approached about the Veteran's center project. Ms. Catcher stated she would request a report be provided to answer all of the questions. Councilor Fishinhawk voiced concern in the square foot cost being almost double. She requested information pertaining to the cost per square foot of the Hastings Warehouse project.

The motion to approve carried by acclimation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Councilor Cobb requested the addition of District 10 Republican Steve Martin for \$1,000. Councilor Cobb moved to approve in Toto as amended. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilor Hoskin Jr. abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Callie Catcher</i>	<i>Ginger Brown</i>	<i>Paula Ragsdale</i>
<i>Mike Miller</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Carey Tilley</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>David Stewart</i>
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