



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Janees Taylor, Chair*

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Thursday, April 27, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Lay gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

**Absent** 2 - Jack D. Baker and Wanda Hatfield

**Late Arrival** 1 - Shawn Crittenden

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 21, 2017 regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the financials. They are finishing up the new Hard Rock pool. The renovations at Will Rogers Downs are almost complete. He provided an update on the water leak repair at Hard Rock. They are exploring plans on the future of the sprung structure. Councilor Crittenden inquired about having an employee or representative of CNI being placed on the agenda of this meeting. Speaker Byrd suggested smaller groups of Council members with the CNI representatives first instead of through an official committee. Councilor Buzzard inquired who books the shows at the Hard Rock. He inquired about the Grove casino. Councilor Thornton commended them on the renovation at WRD. He inquired about the addition of a theatre at Roland.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn reported the 2016 single audit is complete. They continue to monitor the 2017 federal budget. She provided an update on the federal continuing resolution status. The 2018 comprehensive budget process is underway with departmental budget submittal deadlines of May 19th. They have received notification that the Cherokee Nation was awarded a Government Financial Officers Award for a distinguished budget presentation for the 2017 budget presentation. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the status of the water and sanitation funding and when it is expected. He inquired about solutions for a short term fix until the funds are received. Several concerns were expressed in regard to the funding needed for water and sanitation. Ms. Horn requested time to research options.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported they have submitted for two re-entry grants. She introduced several new and returning employees in her department. The TERO org chart has been approved. She reported some of the departments would be moving locations to be all together. The Building Trades program is completing two to three handicapped ramps per week. They will have a TERO presence in Pryor four times a month. A recruiter will be in Sallisaw part time. An agreement was signed with Local 798 Pipefitters union. They recently had the opportunity to visit and tour some of the northern businesses. They are in the process of creating a resource book and once it is complete copies will be provided.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported they are only half way through the year and have already awarded \$2.5ml in small business loans. She announced the Kawi Café will start coming to the complex to sell lunch one time a week. They have received a request to start playing chunky in the traditional game activities. She provided an update on the youth entrepreneur day recently held. Councilor Buzzard inquired about contractors at Jay.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the TERO list as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*A new list was provided. Councilor Warner requested the addition of Flute Springs Community Building for \$500, Sallisaw Public Schools for \$750, and Sallisaw Main Street Organization for \$1,000. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*A new list was provided. Councilor Austin requested the addition of \$4,400 to the Rogers State University Police Department. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as*

*amended. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### ROADS

*Councilor Austin inquired about a project in Collinsville. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

*Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

*Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-048](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard requested Mr. Reece give a brief overview of the modification requested. Councilor Lay requested clarification on B3. Councilor Buzzard commented on the amount for artwork. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.**
  
2. [17-049](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the modification requested. The motion to approve carried with not opposition.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd announced there is a 4:30 meeting for Tri-Council at the UKB complex.*

*Chair Taylor requested Doug Evans father be kept in everyone's prayers.*

*Councilor Lay commented the work group would be rescheduled.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 4:05 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Therese Chuculate</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>
<i>Isaac Barnoski</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Alaina Farris</i>
<i>Jeremy Hamby</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>		