



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, November 29, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 1 - Curtis Snell

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the October 15th PAC Subcommittee minutes and the October 25th regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn provided a list of surplus items available in the warehouse. She gave an overview of the request process for items in the warehouse. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilors Cowan Watts and Coates asked questions regarding the promises made promises kept brochure and how they were paid.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on September, their fiscal year end, stating it is the best year they have had as a company. The Ft. Gibson casino will be opening in a couple of weeks and the hotel addition in Catoosa will open in mid-December. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Thornton gave appreciation to the staff who assisted in the District 3 community meeting held at Blue Ribbon Downs. Mr. Slaton gave an update on the feasibility study for the Roland Casino and connecting land, Blue Ribbon Downs and Sallisaw Creek Park. Councilor Garvin inquired about the Chief and Council pictures no longer being in the rotunda at Hard Rock. Councilor Keener inquired about the policy and procedures for the Council. He also inquired about the work load of the Jay Laundry. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the cost for holding a community meeting at Blue Ribbon Downs.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Day Training Program stating they get an influx of people between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will start new classes for the specialized training in January. She provided an update on Two Hawks which is closing in Stilwell. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She provided an update on the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Summit for the rural fourteen counties and the Youth Entrepreneur Day.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the revised list. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece announced a revised list has been provided with several additions. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested each Councilor give \$100 from their funds to the Cherokee Phoenix for seed money to cover those elders who aren't able to purchase the paper. Councilors Glory-Jordan, Hargis, Snell, Fishinghawk, Hoskin Jr., Thornton, Byrd, Walkingstick, Fullbright, Garvin, Lay, Keener, Anglen and Frailey agreed to each give \$100 of their community assistance. Councilor Keener requested these funds also be used for disabled or shut-ins. Councilor Coates inquired if it would be just for within the fourteen counties. Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve as revised and amended. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece announced the calculation for the Motor Vehicle Tax has been made and will be in the modification next month. The allocation for each Councilor is just over \$17,000. There were no law enforcement requests submitted for approval.

ROADS

Mr. Reece stated the roads funding has been calculated and will be part of next month's modification package. The allocation for each Councilor is \$105,708. He announced there haven't been any changes to the report provided in the packet. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-242](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING HEALTHCARE MASTER PLAN EXPANSION
Mr. Hembree stated the discussion on this matter is pre-mature at this time and requested this item be tabled until January. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired how it would be legally structured and if the Council would be able to review the business case plan. Councilor Lay requested an update on the Contract Support Cost lawsuit.
Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to table to January. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

- Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to have further discussion on TERO and perhaps amend the report. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried as new business item 4.**
2. [12-144](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING - MOD 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Mr. Reece gave an overview of operating mod. 3 as requested. Councilor Baker inquired about the \$3.5ml request for transfer from reserved by appropriation to the capital acquisitions budget not being identified in the Act itself or on page 7. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve mod. 3 and adjust accordingly to include the \$3.5ml. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested clarification on how the \$3.5ml would be spent.
After discussion was held regarding the \$3.5ml health land/building purchase line item Councilor Cowan Watts called for division of this item from mod 3. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yea: 7 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates and Lee Keener Jr.

Nay: 8 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Frankie Hargis

Not In Room: 1 - Joe Byrd

Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if this budget had an increase for the Election Commission.

The motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 8 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Frankie Hargis

Nay: 7 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates and Lee Keener Jr.

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3. [12-147](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #38-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the capital mod 1 request. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the use of the funds.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. announced Kelly Grant Electric should have been on the list for approval and Davis Powerline Construction needs to be deleted from the approval list per an email to Shelli from the TERO office. He moved to approve Kelly Grant Electric and to strike Davis Powerline Construction from our list approved earlier. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:09 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Hembree
Connie Davis
Rebecca Mitchell

Jody Reece
Marsha Lamb
Elizabeth Odell

Lacey Horn
Jon Overacker
Diane Kelley

Charles Head

Connie Chandler

Anna Knight

VISITORS PRESENT:

Lindsay Earls

Dr. Charles Grim

Carolyn Allen

Bill Horton

Shawn Slaton

Raymond Vann

Larry Horn

Ollie Starr

Wanda Beaver

Harvey Chaffin

Dianne Barker Harrold