



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, May 28, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 4 - Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Harley Buzzard and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 30th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the April financial results. He provided an update on the current casino projects and the opening of the clinics. He touched on the home construction projects. Chair Taylor inquired if there are plans to do renovations on Will Rogers Downs.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn provided the single audits and the management letter to the Council. She reported it was a very clean audit and introduced Kevin Kemp from BKD. She offered to answer questions from the report or the audit. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired

why the audit isn't a public document. Councilor Keener inquired about the settlement for contract health. Councilor Byrd requested clarification on the donation and surplus list provided. Additional questions were asked about the possible donation of nineteen acres to the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report pertaining to the TERO fees used for training over the last two years showing the dollars collected and where expended.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported her department has seen more people over the last year than in previous years due to the area offices and the construction within the fourteen counties. Three culinary classes will be held in Sequoyah County. She provided an update on the Summer Youth Program. Ms. Kelley also provided an update on the truck driving training and the upcoming job fairs. Councilor Fullbright gave appreciation to Ms. Kelley and her wealth of knowledge. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about not having Summer Youth in Tulsa. She also requested a community event be held for the Macy's jobs. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the Day Training program budget request. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on the Summer Youth numbers.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported on the upcoming Cherokee Nation holiday celebration. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Taylor inquired as to the type of jobs the youth created in the youth entrepreneurship program.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Keener moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

A new list was provided. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded with a correction to change Bill Batt cemetery to Cherokee County rather than Delaware County. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the change of Victory Cherokee Organization cemetery to Tulsa County instead of Washington County. Mr. Reece announced the Juliette Taylor cemetery is in Muskogee County rather than McIntosh. The motion to approve with the changes carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Councilor Baker requested a correction on his donation to Call Net from \$100 to \$1,300. Per Mr. Reece, Councilor Glory Jordan reduced a previous request by \$1,500 and to add Spring Hill Valley Baptist for \$1,500. Councilor Glory Jordan requested \$250 each from Districts 1, 2 and 3 for the Jack Brown Center. Councilor Walkingstick requested \$300 to Owen School House. Chair Taylor requested \$500 to the Eastern Trail Museum. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

A new list was provided. Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

A new list was provided. Councilor Keener moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-053](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION MARSHAL SERVICE TO DONATE A SURPLUS VEHICLE TO JAY EMS IN DELAWARE COUNTY
Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [15-048](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Lacey Horn</i> | <i>Jamie Cole</i> | <i>Jody Reece</i> |
| <i>Canaan Duncan</i> | <i>Connie Chandler</i> | <i>Diane Kelley</i> |
| <i>Jon Smith</i> | <i>Jennifer Pigeon</i> | <i>Anna Knight</i> |

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| <i>Laura Adair</i> | <i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i> | <i>Marsha Lamb</i> |
| <i>Debra Lack</i> | <i>Dr. Neil Morton</i> | <i>Linda O'Leary</i> |
| <i>Todd Hembree</i> | <i>Willard Mounce</i> | |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| <i>Shawn Slaton</i> | <i>Larry Horn</i> | <i>Teddye Snell</i> |
| <i>Keith Austin</i> | <i>Ralph Keen</i> | <i>Bev Cowan</i> |
| <i>Kevin Kemp</i> | <i>Charlie Soap</i> | <i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i> |