



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, February 27, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - 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; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Harley Buzzard

Late Arrival 2 - Julia Coates and Tina Glory Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Byrd moved to approve the January 14, 2014 special session and the January 30, 2014 regular session. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported they are in the peak of our external audit which will be released in March as required by the Constitution. They are also working on indirect cost negotiations as well as assisting with the Lawson system upgrade. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the impact to our budget with the implementation of the Executive Order for the minimum wage increase. She commented she hasn't received a copy of the Executive Order. She also inquired about the Cherokee Veterans Center, a group of road projects and the Collinsville Food Distribution Center which didn't have the 1% art set aside.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on December results. He provided an update on the current projects including Macy's, Roland casino and the clinics. He encouraged the spread of the word of needing jobs as these jobs complete to fill the work force. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the funds allocated for the Big Cabin and South Coffeyville casinos. She also inquired about the improvements at the Cherokee Springs facility and the 1% art set aside for that facility. Councilor Glory Jordan commented on their zero debt and the outstanding job with the businesses. Chair Fishinghawk gave appreciation for the high percentage of Native American employment.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided handouts of the Summer Youth Employment flyer and the Youth Leadership Internship Program along with business cards for Jeff Vance and George Roach who are over the programs. She also provided a copy of the policy change for the TERO Certification process along with the former policy. She reported they are not shutting the Day Training Program down as previously reported it will only be scaled down while the other programs are started. Ms. Kelley reported they are still meeting closely with the Macy's group and provided an update on the progress. They are currently planning an April ground breaking. They will be placing a staff member in the Tulsa area for full time recruitment of the Macy's job and other area CNB jobs. Their fire fighters were at the Forest Service over the past month doing training with the National Forest Service. She announced they are looking to get other resources for programs. They will be providing flyers for the special training for the culinary program. A job fair will be held March 11th at the Hard Rock and are looking at ways to encourage and promote the food service area. They have job fairs slated for April and May for the businesses needing help. She complimented Nason Morton in HR for his efforts in coordination of the Day Training participants and in house positions. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided a handout of the logo for the café logo and a layout of the Cort Mall where they are looking for Cherokee retailers to fill the spots. They have four aspiring business people currently working with the Café. They will do a grand opening in April for the Café. Over the last six months they have been awarded \$1.6ml in lending capital for their commercial loan program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the TERO certifications as presented. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece stated a new revised list has been provided. Chair Fishinghawk commented the last four on the list need to be changed to Adair County. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece stated a newly updated list has been provided. Councilor Lay requested the addition of Warpony in the amount of \$250. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on the Save a Senior funding. She requested adding \$500 to the ROHC for Save a Senior at Hulbert High School to be split between herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick. Councilor Fishinghawk requested the addition of Cave Springs Archery for \$700 and the Stilwell High School Archery an additional \$200. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Reece gave an overview of the Law Enforcement request and the change requested by Councilor Garvin. Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Reece went over the Road requests submitted for the month. Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece announced a new sport team list has been provided. Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory Jordan provided a copy of the rules for the Livestock Funding and gave an overview of an issue with a suggest amendment to correct. She suggested once the applications are verified by the Council staff they are processed and a list is provided to this committee as a reporting process only. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend the agenda to include consideration of policy changes to the Livestock Funding Program. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new requests were submitted.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Chair Fishinghawk inquired about doing the same to the Sports Team Funding. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend the agenda to consider policy changes to the Sport Team Funding policy. Councilor Hargis seconded the

motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-021](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Reece gave an overview of Capital mod. 3. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton commented the executive order increasing the minimum wage will be on their board agenda next month where they have the intention of following.
2. [14-022](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Reece gave an overview of budget modification 6. Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [TMP-308](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION FUNDING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to amend the livestock policy in the Selection paragraph to delete "Final selection and approval of applicants will be made by the Council Executive and Finance Committee." She also added language to reflect the applications will be signed off and approved by either the Council Director of Financial Oversight or the Speaker of the Council. This would go into effect immediately and is a monthly reporting item to the Executive and Finance Committee. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [TMP-309](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION SPORT TEAM APPLICATIONS

Councilor Glory Jordan commented the same issues arise with the sport teams as the livestock. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend the Sport Team policies the same as the Livestock policies. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Walkingstick announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 27th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:07 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Bill Andoe</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Stephanie Isaacs</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>
<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>