

Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Monday, December 15, 2014

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.;
Dick Lay; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin;
Frankie Hargis; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria

Vazquez

Absent 3 - Jodie Fishinghawk; David Walkingstick and Curtis Snell

Late Arrival 1 - Tina Glory Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the November 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave an update on all of the current projects and an overview of the report provided.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn gave an update from the report provided and announced a list of surplus items at the warehouse has been provided. She gave an overview of the process for requested items on the surplus list.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the information she has acquired on the Simmons Poultry plant closing in Jay. She announced a health job fair for the clinic will be held in Ochelata on January 7th. They will meet Wednesday with the Tulsa Area Chamber of Commerce regarding Macy's. She reported on their efforts for job recruitment in Sequoyah County and Vinita. She requested prayers for her employee John Smith. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a transit route in Jay to areas where jobs are available to be able to assist those losing their jobs due to the closing of the poultry plant. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the GDNEG grant and the GED testing site in Pryor. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for the TERO database phone numbers being up to date. He inquired about everyone sharing the same database to allow everyone to have the most current information. Discussion was held regarding issues of one data base.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced they have a new social media coach to help businesses access and expand their markets. She gave an update on the Kawi Café. Councilor Buzzard requested a report showing the dollars loaned in Delaware County.

Historical Society - Candessa Tehee

Dr. Tehee provided an update on the Heritage Center. She brought with her the President of their Board, Susan Chapman Plumb. Dr. Tehee gave everyone on of their Annual Giving medallions and gave an overview of their campaign. She announced she has been selected as one of eight international museum partners for a Museum at the Crossroads Workshop. She gave an update on their outreach programs. Councilor Vazquez gave appreciation for the space provided to the National Treasurers to teach their classes. Ms. Plumb gave appreciation to Dr. Tehee and the Council. She gave an update on the board and their reorganization efforts currently underway. She commented they are also discussing have an advisory board made up of Council members.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Mr. Overacker requested the Big League and Landscape be included in the approval list. Councilor Baker offered a friendly amendment for Big League to be included in the list for approval. The friendly was accepted. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Reece announced no additions have been submitted.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Reece announced there have been additions for \$1,000 to Marble City School and \$500 to Connor State College. Chair Taylor requested the Pryor Junior High

amount be changed to \$180. Councilor Glory Jordan requested to split equally between herself and Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick \$500 to Tri Community Organization and \$500 to the DD Etchersion Church. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No new additions.

ROADS

No new additions.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

No new additions.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

No new additions.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 14-117 AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #24-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the request. Councilors Lay, Hargis and Glory Jordan requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried to forward to Full Council this evening.

2. 14-118 AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the request. Councilors Hargis, Glory Jordan, Fullbright and Lay requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with a request to be forward to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:10 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jody ReeceCanaan DuncanChuck Hoskin Jr.Elizabeth OdellLacey HornConnie ChandlerBruce DavisJamie ColeAmi Sams

Anna Knight Shay Smith Penny Noiseworthy
Jon Overacker Diane Kelley Todd Hembree

Stephanie Issacs

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shawn Slaton Gina Olaya Teddye Snell

Susan Plumb Candessa Tehee Dianne Barker Harrold