



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair*

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Thursday, January 30, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

- Present** 15 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez
- Absent** 2 - Harley Buzzard and Frankie Hargis

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve both the December 16th regular session minutes and the PAC sub minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn gave appreciation to the quick response on the surplus items in the warehouse. She stated an instruction sheet will be provided to be given to the organizations.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the November financials and commented December would be softer with the numerous bad weather days. They are finalizing the plans for the new casino in Roland. They will be redoing the original Cherokee tower at Hard Rock.*

*They will be adding a twenty-four hour Route 66 themed diner at Hard Rock. They are working with an internal group to make some decisions on Outpost #1 and their underground tanks. The hangar sale is tomorrow and sealed bids will be accepted. The live racing will begin again this month at Will Rogers Downs. He gave an overview of the upcoming concerts. He offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Baker inquired about the possibility of a bank or a savings and loan company. Councilor Lay inquired about the possibility of using our own construction company to do the refurbishments instead of hiring an outside company. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the intended use for the property purchased in South Coffeyville.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported they have been already meeting with procurement at the tribe and CNB regarding the proposed TERO amendments. She is also meeting with CNB regularly to help with filling positions. They are participating in weekly conference calls with Macy's Corporation and will be assisting them with a job construction fair. This construction fair will be held on February 26th at the Hard Rock. They will continue to work with them on their vendor fair and recruitment fair. She reported for the month of January they had thirty-one participants hired as employees with twenty-three being Day Training participants and eight were with the Work Experience program. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the \$113,070 contract. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the Summer Youth budget and the Day Training budget.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight provided an update on the commercial loan program. They are getting ready to open the Awi Café in the Cort Mall. She commented the café will be used as a training center for participants to be able to open their own business. They are participating with Rogers State University on the Dream Big Oklahoma Business Fair Competition.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the TERO committee has changed recently and if the process changed for approval.*

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the list as provided. Councilor Vazques seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

**Mr. Reece announced a revised list has been provided. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.**

##### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

**Mr. Reece commented a new report has been provided and the Hulbert Back Pack Program needs to be added in the about of \$1,000 split between Councilors Byrd and Walkingstick. Councilor Byrd moved to approve.**

**Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

**Mr. Reece reported there aren't any approvals needed this month. He made commented the 2014 allocation is now included in the report.**

ROADS

**Councilor Lay stated he needed to pull the projects for \$45,000 and \$195,000. Mr. Reece stated there has been an addition under the special bridge/access funding for Owens driveway for \$500 from Councilor Garvin. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve as requested. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

**Mr. Reece commented a new report has been provided. Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

**Councilor Coates requested to add Tsa La Gi LA, Cherokee Township of Central Texas, and the Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas each to receive \$750 to be split between herself and Councilor Baker. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

**Mr. Reece stated there aren't any livestock requests this month.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-291](#) DISCUSSION OF THE TERO LAW

**Councilor Lay requested this item be withdrawn.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-008](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO THE MARBLE CITY FOOD PANTRY IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY

**Councilor Thornton moved to approve along with #2 the request for Vian Peace Center. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

2. [14-009](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO THE VIAN PEACE CENTER IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY

Approved in Toto with item #1.

3. [14-010](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CHELSEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN ROGERS COUNTY  
**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and requested Councilor Keener be added as a sponsor. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
4. [14-011](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO THE JAY MUSEUM IN DELAWARE COUNTY  
**Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. [14-012](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO ORCHARD ROAD COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN ADAIR COUNTY  
**Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
6. [14-013](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP INC. IN NOWATA COUNTY  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
7. [13-138](#) AN ACT AMENDING LA-30-12, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"  
**Councilor Lay moved to approve and requested to be added as a sponsor. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on several items.**
8. [14-006](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod request. The motion to approve carried.**
9. [14-005](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the mod requested. The motion to approve carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:24 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Bill Andoe</i>
<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Phil Powers</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>
<i>Cheryl Brown</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>