



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, June 27, 2013

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Hoskin Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinhawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 3 - Curtis Snell; Meredith Frailey and Cara Cowan Watts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the May 13, 2013 PAC Sub minutes and the May 30, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Fishinhawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn provided copies of the single audits. She introduced Joel Haaser from BKD. Mr. Haaser provided an overview of the single audit of the Cherokee Nation's federal programs. Ms. Horn also commented on the management letter. She also reported they are working on the FY2014 budgets and will have them submitted by their constitutional deadline of July 31st. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the contingency reserve be included in the monthly report.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the April results. Their performance continues to be very well as they are up 16-18% from last year. They continue to focus on cost containment efforts and driving revenue. Their health costs are up. They are doing some highway improvements in Ft. Gibson. He provided updates on the renovation and expansion projects. They have moved most of the TRG TVs to the Woodmark building. Their employment numbers continue to be high as they continue to promote Cherokee hires. They are in desperate need of front line hires in food and beverage. They are in the process of designing the Roland casino renovation. After several questions were asked Mr. Slaton announced they need young Cherokee people who want to get in the machining business, paying \$18-26 per hour, to contact them for training in Pryor. Councilor Byrd inquired about the plan for the 141 acres in Tahlequah. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested they reconsider the GED requirement of some of the entry level jobs.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Summer Youth Program. She provided the Council with Summer Youth shirts. On July 10th the Summer Youth kids will be at the Talking Leaves Job Corp for youth day. She provided an update on the Day Training Program and the job fair held in Tulsa. A job fair will be held on the 17th in West Siloam. They will hold a fast track culinary class in Muskogee. They are considering transporting Day Workers to Catoosa. She announced they are working with Gaming to see if they can provide jobs to felons within specific areas. They hosted a meeting with other tribes in regard to the Re-entry Program. AERT out of Watts is in discussion with us to do furniture assembly line work. She stated she has also had discussion with Siloam Springs to do assembly line work in the old Franklin Electric building, they are requesting the labor pool to come from Delaware and Adair Counties. The cell phone plant in Sallisaw is requesting additional OJT's. She provided an update on the NexGen Lighting project. The National TERO Conference will be held next week at the Hard Rock. October 13-18 is the National Congress of American Indians Conference.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they have received word they have been approved for the \$500,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant for commercial lending. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Historical Society - Mike Kelley / Susan Chapman Plumb

No one was present to report from the Historical Society.

RECESS

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to recess this meeting to immediately reconvene following the Special Tribal Council Meeting which begins at 4:30 here. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The meeting recessed at 4:23 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Hoskin Jr. called the meeting back to order at 4:41 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Byrd requested the addition of McSpadden Cemetery. Councilor Glory-Jordan commented she would be bringing proposed amendments to this policy next month due to a government entity receiving funding for ten different cemeteries. She will also be requesting an additional \$25,000 for this fund from the motor fuels carryover funds. Several questions were asked about the government entity receiving funding. Councilor Hargis moved to approve the list as amended. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve as amended. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Councilor Keener requested a revision on the CDC Farm as \$2,250 each and the Rogers County Historical Association as \$250 each. The motion to approve carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Anglen moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Glory-Jordan gave clarification of the application listed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-256](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TERO ACT SECTION 7 - TERO FEES FOR JOB TRAINING
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [TMP-262](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STATUS REVIEW OF ALL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
- Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-083](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD. 10; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve the budget mod with the addition of \$25,000 of motor fuel tax carryover to the cemetery funds. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Mr. Jody Reece pointed out an error on his memo in item 1. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Lisa Trice Turtle</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Terrisa Muskrat</i>
<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Robert Garcia</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Courtney Roark Thompson</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Joel Haaser</i>	<i>Cheryl Brown</i>
<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Shawn Slaton</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		