



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair*

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Thursday, January 29, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Chair Taylor gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 11 - Cara Cowan Watts; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and David Thornton, Sr.

**Late Arrival** 4 - Julia Coates; David Walkingstick; Joe Byrd and Curtis Snell

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the December 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the November results and gave an update on all of the current projects as well as the Tahlequah property and outlet mall. Councilor Fullbright gave high praises on the new Redbird Clinic. Councilor Lay inquired about the paving at Ochelata. Councilor Keener inquired about the speaker system at Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Buzzard inquired about payment of promotional items. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there are trigger dates for the Tahlequah project and the Catoosa outlet. She also inquired about the Osiyo Voices of the People. Councilor Buzzard requested the donations and contributions list be provided to the Council.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn announced Fitch the rating agency that has rated our past health care bonds has raised our rating to a BBB. She gave an overview of the process for the warehouse surplus items. Councilor Lay inquired about our current bonding indebtedness.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported Career Services has been extremely busy this past month. They have met with Macy's and had representatives visit their offices. She gave an update on the area offices and programs. She gave an update on the certified welders program and the new food service venue at OSU. Councilor Fullbright inquired about the truck driving school at Blue Ribbon Downs. Summer Youth starts February 9th.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported they are in the middle of planning for the holiday. The community games schedule should be coming out soon. She gave an update on the Cort Mall and the Art Center. Space will be provided in the Art Center for the National Treasures. An update was given on the Cherokee Heirloom seeds and the feasibility study regarding commercializing those seeds. Chair Taylor requested clarification on the some of the numbers provided on page 12 of the report.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Councilor Baker moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

*Mr. Reece announced there were no new applications submitted for approval.*

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Chair Taylor announced a new updated list has been provided. Mr. Reece reported an additional item to be split between Councilors Glory Jordan, Byrd and Walkingstick for North East Media Services in the amount of \$500. A request was made for the Hulbert School donation of \$3,000 to be split between Councilors Byrd, Walkingstick, and Glory Jordan. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the availability of the 2015 funds.*

ROADS

*Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

*Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

*Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Councilor Buzzard inquired about changing the bridge funding back to \$15,000 instead of the current \$7,500. Discussion was held with comments being made it was a cut made during the budget cycle a few years back. It was suggested to bring it forward at carryover time. Mr. Reece stated he would submit a request on the behalf of the Council for bridge, livestock and sports team funding. A reminder was given that the scholarships will take a big portion of the carryover funding.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-011](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO TRI-COMMUNITY W.E.B. IN CHEROKEE COUNTY  
**Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilors Glory Jordan and Walkingstick requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
2. [15-012](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO INDIAN CAPITAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM IN CHEROKEE COUNTY  
**Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilors Walkingstick and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
3. [15-013](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO HULBERT SCHOOL IN CHEROKEE COUNTY  
**Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilors Walkingstick and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
4. [15-014](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO GREASY COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ADAIR COUNTY  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. [15-015](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CHEWEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

IN ADAIR COUNTY

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.**

6. [15-016](#) 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. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Keener requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.**
7. [15-017](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO SAFENET SERVICES ORG. IN ROGERS COUNTY AND MAYES COUNTY  
**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and add Mayes County. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilors Keener and Taylor requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
8. [15-018](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY IN DELAWARE COUNTY  
**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
9. [15-019](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR BOARD IN DELAWARE COUNTY  
**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
10. [15-020](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN DELAWARE COUNTY  
**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
11. [15-021](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-14 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the modification requested. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Glory Jordan gave clarification on the process for the payment and purchase of the code books.*

*Councilor Baker introduced an At Large citizen in attendance.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 4:10 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Cheryl Brown</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>