



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinghawk, Chair

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Thursday, September 27, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 5 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the August 20th special budget hearing, August 30th PAC subcommittee and August 30th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn gave an update on her meeting to Washington D.C. last week regarding effects of the sequestration in the Budget Control Act of 2007. Councilor Cowan Watts requested talking points in regard to this issue be provided to the Council. She also requested actuals spent for the Chief and those traveling with him to Martha's Vineyard, also to Washington D.C. the following week and to the Democratic National Convention. She also requested a list of donations given in relation to these trips.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested in consideration of the employee appreciation activities that the remaining reports are questions only.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Chair Fishinghawk announced Mr. Slaton is in Catoosa preparing for an opening tomorrow. A written report has been submitted, if there are any questions please email him.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Councilor Hargis inquired if the entire Vocational Training budget for the year has already been allocated. She requested the amount of funding cut from last year and the amount needed for this year be provided.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Keener moved to amend the agenda to discuss the Cherokee Phoenix. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote by not reaching a two-thirds in favor of amending:

Yea: 9 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr. and Frankie Hargis

Nay: 8 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

Commerce - Anna Knight

No questions were asked of Ms. Knight.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans requested a moment to check on the updated list.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW TERO LAW UPDATE - TODD HEMBREE

Ms. Diane Kelley requested a few moments be yielded to Attorney General Hembree to provide an update on the implementation of the new TERO law recently passed.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to amend the agenda to move Community Assistance to the end of the agenda and to add operating budget mod 1 for consideration. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion

carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Glory-Jordan reminded the Council today is the last day to spend Community Assistance funds for this year.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans announced there are two cemeteries submitted for approval, New Home Cemetery in Peggs and Killer Cemetery in Stilwell. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on which Tribal Council initiatives carry over and which do not.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No requests were submitted.

ROADS

Mr. Evans gave an overview of the roads report. He reported all of these road projects will have another allocation of funding going into these balances next week. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

12-126

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Mr. Evans gave an overview of mod 1. Councilor Cowan Watts asked Ms. Sara Hill of the Attorney General's office when a report could be expected in regard to the water plan.

The motion to approve carried with Councilor Keener in opposition.

RECESS

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to recess to allow time for the completion of the updated community assistance report. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:10 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Fishinghawk called the meeting back to order at 4:26 p.m.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the list provided. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Snell announced his nephew James Woolard's funeral would be held on Monday in Keys.

Chair Fishinghawk announced the next meeting would be held on Thursday, October 25th at 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Cowan Watts announced Cherokee Soldier, John Townsend's funeral would be held tomorrow in Claremore.

Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the community assistance checks could come to the Council for distribution. Councilor Glory-Jordan commented she would be requesting this policy be changed to allow our staff to pick up and distribute accordingly.

Councilor Snell announced he would be having a community meeting at Wickliffe School on Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Councilor Walkingstick announced District 1 would be having a community meeting on October 16th at the Tahlequah Community Building.

Councilor Anglen announced Cherokee citizen Dylan Bundy of Sperry was just pulled up into the playoffs for the Baltimore Orioles. He was the minor league player of the year for the Orioles this year.

Councilor Glory-Jordan announced the Employee Appreciation meal is at 5:00 p.m. today at the Sequoyah gym.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:31 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Dianna Turtle</i>
<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>
<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>