



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack D. Baker, Chair

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Tuesday, December 14, 2010

10:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey and S. Joe Crittenden

Absent 1 - Chuck Hoskin

Late Arrival 1 - Tina Glory Jordan

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

Ms. Tamyse Leake offered to answer questions from the written report.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart announced October was a good month with all properties up with the exception of Catoosa. They are still dealing with road issues at Catoosa which is supposed to be complete by new years. CNI has a small loss that was budgeted. Phase I of the hospital construction is almost complete and on Phase II they are working to determine the scope of work and the budget. He offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if TERO applies to the companies we acquire. Mr. Stewart responded yes they are. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if any Cherokees were employed at the Colorado business we acquired. Mr. Stewart stated not yet as it was just recently acquired. The employees at this company are professionals that the government pays us to

hire a scientist or an engineer for a specific location. He stated if qualified Cherokees are located they would be hired although most of them are targeted individuals by the government that wants them to hire and put them to work under a contract. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if this company was acquired under the Jobs Growth Act and if the purpose of the Act is to put Cherokees to work. Mr. Stewart agreed and stated the plan is to get the company established in the I.T. sector then move Cherokees into the company along with disbursement throughout the fourteen counties. The CEO of the Colorado Company is currently Cherokee along with a few other Cherokee employees. Councilor Fishinghawk requested research into the drop in percentage of Cherokee employees at CNI. Mr. Stewart commented there is approximately 10% both at CNE and CNI who are Cherokee but are not blue card holders. Councilor Fishinghawk stated she is receiving numerous comments that non-Cherokees are being hired. Mr. Stewart stated in a technical job where they need the specific talent or experience they have to hire a non-Cherokee if there isn't a qualified Cherokee. He stated it is a disservice to the Nation, the people and the employees if the right talent isn't hired at the right spot at the right time. In regard to CNI they are looking for the right talent at the right spot to turn it around. Councilor Fishinghawk passed along the suggestion to hire through contracts retired Cherokees to train other Cherokees for these positions needed. Chair Jack D. Baker gave appreciation to Mr. Stewart for the lunch today.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided updates on three items from last month. She announced the Day Work Training program has been very successful. She reported they have been working with the City of Roland in regard to a business that will be going in behind the Roland casino.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith offered to answer questions from their written report. She announced Ms. Anna Knight, Commerce Group Leader, received a Visionary Leader Award from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cobb moved to approve the November 22nd regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve all Consent items as presented. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Approved by Consent as presented.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Approved by Consent as presented.

ROADS

Approved by Consent as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [10-138](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #29-10 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - MOD 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve budget mod 3 as presented. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Mr. Evans reported a supplemental package from the Treasurer's office has been handed out regarding the motor vehicle tax apportionment for roads and law enforcement. Councilors Cowan Watts and Coates accepted as an amendment to their motion for approval. Motion carried by acclimation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Jack D. Baker announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 27th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:13 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Tamyse Leake
Shay Smith*

*Ashley Canoe
Diane Kelley*

*Doug Evans
Tammy Beaver*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Gina Olaya
Shawn Slaton*

David Stewart

Charles Dry