



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Executive and Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

Special Session - Budget Hearings September 9 - 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack D. Baker called the budget hearings to order at 1:06 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 6 - Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Chris Soap and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2010

Chair Jack D. Baker announced Ms. Callie Catcher would give an overview of the FY2010 budget for the Administration. He stated he would prefer all motions wait until after her presentation is complete. Ms. Catcher completed her power point presentation at 2:21 p.m.

Councilor Cowan Watts requested a 10 minute break. The meeting convened at 2:35 p.m. with Mr. Doug Evans beginning his review of the FY2010 budget.

At the completion of Mr. Evans general overview Chair Jack D. Baker entertained a motion to approve the budget with the amendments presented by Ms. Catcher reducing the revenue. Councilor Cobb moved to approve the budget with the amendments presented by Ms. Catcher. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Chair Jack D. Baker stated as Mr. Evans goes through each division adjustments can be made as necessary.

Meeting recessed at 3:50 p.m.

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to recess and begin with Mr. Evans departmental overview tomorrow. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion to recess to 9:00 a.m. on the 10th of September carried with Councilor Cobb in opposition.

Day 2 - Meeting reconvened on September 10th at 9:05 a.m.

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting back to order.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation

ROLL CALL

- Present** 12 - Bill John Baker; David Thornton Sr. ; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
- Late Arrival** 5 - S. Joe Crittenden; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2010

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to reinstate the community assistance and attorney fees as submitted by Speaker Frailey. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Chair Jack D. Baker inquired if the money needed to be located. Councilor Bill John Baker stated it can be located at the end of the hearings. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

- Yea:** 8 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
- Nay:** 8 - Don Garvin; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Not In Room: 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

Councilor Cobb moved to reduce donations and contributions by \$50,000 and move \$25,000 to county livestock auctions and \$25,000 to Cherokee sports teams. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment to guarantee each student who makes the livestock auction gets \$100. Councilor Cobb didn't accept the friendly amendment.

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to guarantee each student who makes the sale at the livestock auction gets \$100. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Yea:** 12 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
- Nay:** 5 - Meredith Frailey; Jack D. Baker; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Councilor Bill John Baker offered a friendly amendment to Councilor Cobb for the sports teams who are at least 50% Cherokee to receive \$500. Councilor Cobb didn't accept the friendly amendment.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend for the \$50,000 for sports teams' sponsorships to be earmarked for \$500 per sports team who meet the criteria. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 14 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap and Julia Coates

Nay: 2 - Cara Cowan Watts and Bradley Cobb

Not In Room: 1 - Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Chair Jack D. Baker restated Councilor Cobbs motion to increase the sports teams by \$25,000 and the livestock shows by \$25,000 by reducing the contributions. Motion carried.

Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to give the nutrition centers, food pantries and community buildings \$2,000 each by increasing contributions by \$100,000. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered a friendly amendment to add \$25,000 to be equally distributed among the counties for backpack nutrition programs administered by either the Salvation Army or The Boys & Girls Clubs. Councilors Fishinghawk and Glory-Jordan accepted the friendly amendment.

Councilor Fishinghawk requested a break. Chair Jack D. Baker announced a 10 minute break. The meeting convened at 10:42 a.m. with Councilor Hoskin Jr. requesting to modify his friendly amendment from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for the backpack program. Councilors Fishinghawk and Glory-Jordan accepted the change. Councilor Fishinghawk clarified it is community organizations not community buildings. Councilor Bill John Baker called for the question.

Councilor Fishinghawk's motion as amended passed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 10 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Buel Anglen; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 6 - Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Not In Room: 1 - Chris Soap

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to give each child \$100 who participates in a livestock show out of Community Youth Assistance. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 8 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 9 - Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion that everything discussed with respect to donations & contributions down to county livestock with the exception of what has been done on county livestock be placed in a reserve fund and not be administered until they enact enabling legislation for each program. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to reserve \$800,000 for a TERO Commission should legislation be passed establishing a Commission. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered a

friendly amendment to reduce the advocacy initiative within the Attorney General's budget by \$300,000. Councilor Fishinghawk accepted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yea: 9 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 8 - Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Meeting recessed at 11:37 a.m.

Chair Jack D. Baker announced with no objections they would break until 12:30 for lunch. No objections were stated.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2010

Mr. Evans began the Attorney General budget overview. During the overview of the Education budget Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to give \$100,000 to the Head Start program to continue the after school program. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion.

The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 8 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 8 - Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Not In Room: 1 - Curtis Snell

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to give \$300,000 to the Head Start programs throughout the fourteen counties for an afterschool program. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 11 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Buel Anglen; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 6 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to add \$500,000 to PELL scholarships and \$1.5ml to Higher Education scholarships to bring the scholarships up to \$2,000. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 11 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 4 - Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Late Arrival: 2 - Meredith Frailey and Curtis Snell

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to take \$2,500 from general fund for a scoreboard at Markoma. Councilor Glory-Jordan The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 10 - David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Meeting recessed at 2:05 P.M.

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a ten minutes break.

Meeting reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2010

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to return \$1ml to 1010259 the denture and eyeglass fund. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 10 - Bill John Baker; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Nay: 6 - S. Joe Crittenden; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Janelle Fullbright and Bradley Cobb

Not In Room: 1 - Curtis Snell

Councilor Cowan Watts called for the question of the main motion. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap and Julia Coates

Nay: 9 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Bradley Cobb and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Not In Room: 1 - Curtis Snell

Meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m.

Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to recess to 9:30 on Friday, September 11th. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Day 3 - Meeting reconvened on September 11th at 9:35 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cobb gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Meredith Frailey and Curtis Snell

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2010

Mr. Evans began his overview of the Community Service Group.

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to move \$200,000 from self-help community waterline to the individual water and sewer. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to add \$150,000 from gen fund to 1010531 to allow them to continue to provide the same level of service in the fourteen counties as well as take on the added responsibility of staffing the approximate 22 At Large meetings. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard offered a friendly amendment to move \$100,000 from the road transit program to the COTTA line item of 1010531. Councilor Glory-Jordan accepted. Councilor Glory-Jordan reduced her motion from \$150,000 to \$100,000. Chair Jack D. Baker read the motion back as transferring \$100,000 from the roads transit to COTTA with the realization that the \$100,000 may have to be replenished to cover a grant match.

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to table. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Mr. Hembree stated this item would remain on the table unless someone removes it from the table prior to the end of the budget process. If there is not a motion to move it off of the table it will die when the budget process ends. Motion carried.

Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to transfer \$375,000 for TERO training and fees from 3751100 to 1015000. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to recess to allow Ms. Catcher and Mr. Evans come back with balancing recommendations. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried

Meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Chair Jack D. Baker called the meeting back to order at 11:10 a.m.

BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2010

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to add \$15,000 to donations for the Wish Foundation to be used by Women and Safe Home Incorporated in Muskogee. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Jack D. Baker announced as we have gone through the budget hearings we have a \$2.83ml shortfall. Mr. Evans announced Ms. Catcher will go over an itemization of recommended adjustments to put the budget back into balance. Ms. Catcher gave a summary of the adjustments needed to balance the budget.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve these adjustments to the budget. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Jack D. Baker called for the entire budget as amended. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 15 - Bill John Baker; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Nay: 1 - S. Joe Crittenden

Not In Room: 1 - Curtis Snell

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to forward the budget to the Council meeting on Monday, September 14th. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: Bill John Baker

Minutes attested and concurred by: Jack D Baker

Date: 10/29/09