

**EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**June 29, 2007  
3:00 P.M.**

**STANDING COMMITTEE:** Executive & Finance

**COMMITTEE PRESIDED BY:** Linda O'Leary, Chair

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Linda O'Leary	Bill John Baker	Buel Anglen
Jack D. Baker	Audra Conner	Joe Crittenden
Meredith Frailey	Don Garvin	Chuck Hoskin
Bill Johnson	Taylor Keen	John F. Keener
Jackie Bob Martin	Cara Cowan Watts	Phyllis Yargee

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Melvina Shotpouch David Thornton, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tamsye Leake	Diane Hammons	Diane Kelley
Nita Wilson	Mike Miller	Rick Kelley

**VISITORS:**

Dennis McLemore	Carey Tilley	Brian Collins
Brad Carson	Chrissy Moore	Phil Givens
Susan Ruckman	Shawn Slaten	

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED:** Yes

**LEGISLATION:** Yes

**MINUTES:** See Attached

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Linda O'Leary called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Councilman Crittenden gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval of the minutes of the June 1<sup>st</sup> regular session. Councilor Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Financial Report/Secretary-Treasurer Report: Tamsye Leake reported the format of the financial packet has been redone to make it easier cash for the Council members, programs and departments to understand the analysis they do on each of the accounts. Currently there is \$51 million in cash, cash equivalency, investments, restricted cash, and cash equivalence more than last year. They will be uploading the FY 2008 budgets today getting them ready to submit to Council before the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Cherokee Nation Enterprise: Shawn Slaten reported May was another good month and they exceeded their budget by \$1.2 million. Tonight at 6:00 p.m. they will be opening the parking garage and it will be available for patrons to park in. He gave an update on the Catoosa and travel plaza projects.

Cherokee Nation Industries: Dennis McLemore reported for period ending April 30<sup>th</sup> the balance for cash was \$1.8 million, accounts receivable was \$14.8 million, and accounts payable was \$12 million. The line of credit owed to the bank at the time of this report was \$7.9 million but currently it has been paid off due to the CNB infusion and they loan they have with them. Total income for operations was \$1.8 million. The board changed the fiscal year end to coincide with Cherokee Nation but the year will continue until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Total sales for the ten (10) month period were \$90 million. Today will be the last day that CNI will be a State Corporation and as of July 31<sup>st</sup> they will become a tribal entity. This change will go into effect the night they filed the papers in Oklahoma City and there will be no tax consequences as a result of this.

Historical Society: Carey Tilley held their spring fund raising thrust and exceeded their goals. This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Ancient Village and they will be having a celebration on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Chief and Lieutenant Governor will be speaking at 4:30 p.m. with a hog fry following. The summer performance, "Under the Cherokee Moon" continues on Friday on Saturdays through August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cherokee Nation Business: Brad Carson reported CNB has received the final payment from their partners of Cherokee Connex deal of \$1.55 million dollars which winds up their involvement in that particular project and they recover the \$2 million dollars from them as the promissory note contemplated some months ago.

**COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE:**

Zella Coldwell	\$600	Councilors Baker/Conner \$300 ea.
Belfonte/Nicut Com. Building	\$500	Councilor Thornton
Bell Public School	\$270	Councilor Crittenden
Carsolowery Fire Department	\$500	Councilor Hoskin
Fairfield Community Organization	\$500	Councilor Crittenden
Bowling Springs Fire Department	\$500	Councilor Hoskin

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

Adair County Sheriff's Department	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment
Stilwell Police Department	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment
Westville Police Department	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment
Cherokee Nation Marshal Service	\$10,114.56	Councilor Martin	Equipment

Councilor Martin moved for the approval. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

U.S. Service School Application Fees. Councilor Bill John Baker stated in the Education Committee it was brought to their attention that there were two (2) Cherokee's that were appointed to the military academies and at that time was notified there were initial fees involved to attend. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy fee is \$3000, U.S. Military Academy (West Point) is \$2900, and the U.S. Naval Academy is \$2500. The Education Committee approved and passed it to the Executive & Finance Committee to put an amount in to cover the two (2) Cherokee's and possibly a third one with and will take care of the rest in the budget hearings. Councilor Bill John Baker moved to put \$10,000 in Education for those U.S. Service Academy fees. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Best of the Best Proposal (Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah). Councilor Bill John Baker stated the Best of the Best Program will be used to establish a fund in the Boys & Girls Club office, whereby disadvantaged children who excel in certain areas will have the financial support needed to participate in opportunities that will have a positive impact on their lives. Expenses can prevent them from attending such events, and this account will provide assistance where needed. With a donation of \$5000 they can begin this worthwhile program. The Boys & Girls Club also made a request to CNE to bring Mark Spitz to Tahlequah to kick off the Tri-State Swim Clinic in September of this year. He will give a motivational talk to the youth and the city VIP's about swimming as a sport and how it has helped him. He will also talk about the opportunities available to young swimmers, e.g. Scholarships, health issues such as diabetes and asthma. They hope that by bringing Mark Spitz to Tahlequah they can work toward the dream of the community, their team and the Boys & Girls Club in

building a Tahlequah Community Health facility consisting of a pool, exercise rooms, game rooms, indoor basketball, and racquet ball. With this facility they will be able to invite the whole community to participate in healthy activities that will result in obvious rewards to everyone. The team is owned and sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah and they will need approximately \$12,000 to cover all expenses. They will be able to earn a return on a good portion of these expenses through the cost of the clinic, sale of merchandise at the clinic. Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve \$17,000 for the two programs. Councilor Conner seconded the motion. Roll call is as follows:

Buel Anglen	<u>Nay</u>	Bill John Baker	<u>Yea</u>
Jack D. Baker	<u>Yea</u>	Audra Conner	<u>Yea</u>
Joe Crittenden	<u>Yea</u>	Meredith Frailey	<u>Nay</u>
Don Garvin	<u>Nay</u>	Chuck Hoskin	<u>Yea</u>
Bill Johnson	<u>Nay</u>	Taylor Keen	<u>Yea</u>
John F. Keener	<u>Yea</u>	Jackie Bob Martin	<u>Abstain</u>
Linda O'Leary	<u>Yea</u>	Melvina Shotpouch	<u>Yea</u>
David Thornton	<u>Absent</u>	Cara Cowan Watts	<u>Nay</u>
Phyllis Yargee	<u>Yea</u>		

The motion for approval of \$17,000 for the Boys & Girls Club passed by a vote of ten (10) yeas; five (5) nays. This item will be added to budget mod. 9.

Water & Sewer (\$150,000). Councilor Bill John Baker stated this request is to add \$150,000 to the water & sewer due to them being out of funds and this amount should get them to the end of the year for all of their emergencies. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Motion carried. This item will be added to budget mod. 9.

MFT & MVT Road & Bridge Project Requests for FY2007. Councilor Hoskin moved to approve the road and bridge project requests as presented in the packet. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An Act Amending Legislative Act #26-06 Authorizing the Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 – Mod. 9; and Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Bill John Baker stated Doug Evans found no technical issues with the budget mod 9 requests but there are two budgets from Administration that he recommends the Council consider adding to mod 9. One is for Cherokee Nation Inauguration budget for \$23,394 which will be funded by the Tribal General Fund and the carryover budget for the Tribal Bridge/Access Program in the amount of \$225,000. Councilor Bill John Baker moved for approval of mod 9 with the addition of these two budgets as well as the boys & girls club and the water & sewer and forward to full council. Councilor Hoskin seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden offered a friendly amendment to also add the service fees for the military academies. Councilor Bill John Baker accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried by acclamation.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to amend the agenda to allow Phil Givens to speak to the committee on a letter the CN Housing Authority received about being in compliance with 24 CFR Part 135 which has to do with the development of regulations. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Roll call is as follows:

Buel Anglen	<u>Nay</u>	Bill John Baker	<u>Yea</u>
Jack D. Baker	<u>Nay</u>	Audra Conner	<u>Nay</u>

Joe Crittenden	<u>Yea</u>	Meredith Frailey	<u>Nay</u>
Don Garvin	<u>Absent</u>	Chuck Hoskin	<u>Yea</u>
Bill Johnson	<u>Nay</u>	Taylor Keen	<u>Nay</u>
John F. Keener	<u>Yea</u>	Jackie Bob Martin	<u>Nay</u>
Linda O'Leary	<u>Yea</u>	Melvina Shotpouch	<u>Nay</u>
David Thornton	<u>Absent</u>	Cara Cowan Watts	<u>Nay</u>
Phyllis Yargee	<u>Nay</u>		

The motion to amend the agenda failed by a vote of five (5) yeas; ten (10) nays.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilor Johnson moved for adjournment. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION:**

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: Linda O'Leary

Minutes attested and concurred by: Edo J. Sch

Date: 7-26-07