



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodie Fishinhawk, Chair

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Tuesday, January 14, 2014

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

Special Session

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishinhawk called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinhawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jack D. Baker; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 4 - Julia Coates; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard and Don Garvin

Late Arrival 2 - Tina Glory Jordan and Joe Byrd

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-138](#) AN ACT AMENDING LA-30-12, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"
Chair Fishinhawk stated the Act in the book is the complete Act with the changes submitted in red. Attorney General Hembree suggested opening up discussion on any section with questions. Chair Fishinhawk commented at the last meeting the debated ended on Section 4 AA the definition of "Project". After lengthy discussion Chair Fishinhawk suggested coming back to AA the definition of "Project".

RECESS

An overview was given of each change and some discussion was held. Councilor Vazquez requested a 10 minutes break.

RECONVENNE

Chair Fishinhawk called the meeting back to order at 12:10.

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AN ACT AMENDING LA-30-12, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"

Ms. Odell continued with the overview of each proposed change. In Section 5 L it was requested to keep the language but rewrite it.

RECESS

Upon the completion of discussion regarding the changes to Section 5 R Councilor Vazquez moved to recess for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:22 p.m.

RECONVENNE

Chair Fishinhawk called the meeting back to order at 1:10 p.m.

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Ms. Odell took up discussion in Section 5 S.

Section 5 T it was requested to strike the requested language "who are not considered a core crew".

Section 5 T3 it was requested to add the word "not" following shall.

Section 5 T4 – add language where we have the ability to terminate the contract if they refuse to take Cherokee workers that are available.

Section 5 T6 – Councilor Lay suggested two seven day postings.

Section 8 A – Chair Fishinhawk requested the addition of "Nation" to read Cherokee Nation citizen. Lengthy debate was held before moving on to Section 8 A1.

Section 8 A1 – Ms. Odell stated 1004 (k) needs to be changed to (j).

Section 12 – the entire section should be stricken.

Ms. Odell completed the section by section overview. Chair Fishinhawk commented the Attorney Generals' Office would be providing language for Section 5 regarding pulling the contract and language for debarment if TERO isn't followed or for poor performance. Additional overall discussion was held. Chair Fishinhawk gave a quick overview of the changes that needed to be made for consideration at Executive & Finance Committee and reminded debate would be held again at that time for the definition of "Project". Discussion was held regarding the twenty-four hour rebid.

Chair Fishinhawk suggested passing this to the regular E&F committee at the end of the month with the changes made today and at that time discuss the two outstanding items.

Councilor Keener moved to forward to Executive & Finance committee. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts requested the Act with the amendments be provided prior to the meeting for review.

Councilor Glory Jordan requested Ms. Mitchell provide their policies.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:11 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Pam Bakke</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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