



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, September 24, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell;
Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn
Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay and Bryan Warner

Absent 2 - Harley Buzzard and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the August 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Baker moved to approve the August 31st budget hearing minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the net income for July. He gave an update on the Roland casino project, the three ongoing clinic projects and Cherokee Plaza. Councilor Byrd inquired about the uses for the backside of the Cherokee Plaza property.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn reported they continue to work on the fiscal year end. They are monitoring the situation at the federal level and the possibility of a continuing resolution.

Councilor Walkingstick requested more clarification on the possibility of a federal government shutdown.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported National Manufacturing Week will begin September 28th. They will be participating in a chili cook-off in Pryor. The GED graduation is tonight at 6:30 in the ballroom. The Welding class graduation is at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. Talking Leaves has a new culinary instructor. They will host an open house in their office in Pryor in conjunction with manufacturing week. She announced they will host a job fair on October 28th at the Expo in Pryor. The TERO golf tournament was held last Friday where they raised \$2,739 each for The One Fire Task Force and the Angel Tree. Councilor Taylor inquired about the date for the open house in Pryor.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced the holiday report should be out by the end of next month. The TERO Vendor Fair will be held on November 9th at Hard Rock. The NORA Regional Summit will be held on the 10th of November. Over the next couple of weeks at the Kawi Café a squash casserole will be on the menu with squash from Pat Gwin's garden. They have received notification they received the CDFI award of \$500,000 for commercial lending. She reported they will also receive two SBA grants totaling approximately \$250,000 to help with technical assistance.

Historical Society - Candessa Tehee

Ms. Tehee announced they are anxiously awaiting the Seven Star Gala, this Saturday evening at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, as it is their biggest fundraiser for the year. Next week they will be partnering with JOM to welcome 2,000 kids for Ancient Cherokee Days at the Heritage Center. They are wrapping up their busy season. They have served over 40,000 visitors through the end of August. October 16th is the Cherokee National Historical Society 4th quarter meeting. She introduced Cheryl Parish the Administrator of General Operations and Jerry Thompson their Archivist. Councilor Warner inquired if there is room for additional kids during the Ancient Cherokee Days. Ms. Tehee commented they will have the Cherokee Heritage Festival on November 5th and 6th. She also announced the 6th book of the Moravian Missionary Diaries is now available. Councilor Baker welcomed Mr. Thompson and stated it is good to now have him full time. Councilor Byrd inquired about the business during the Cherokee National Holiday. Chair Byrd commented on information Ms. Tehee had given him in regard to the scaling back of employees with the end of tour season coming.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Baker moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Councilor Byrd requested the addition of Towie cemetery. Councilor Warner requested the addition of Belfonte and Nicutt cemeteries. Councilor Anglen requested the addition of Charley cemetery. Councilor Hargis moved to approve.

Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list of Community Assistance requests was provided with all Councilors now at a zero balance. Councilor Baker moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Mr. Jody Reece gave an overview of the roads report along with the requested change from Councilor Thornton. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve as requested. Councilor Hatfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:35 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Jon Smith</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Shawn Slaton
Candessa Tehee
Nathan Young*

*Lisa Long
Teddy Snell
Dianne Barker Harrold
Delaware Chief Chester Brooks
Delaware Asst. Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith*