



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Janees Taylor, Chair*

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Wednesday, February 17, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;  
Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn  
Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay and Bryan Warner

**Late Arrival** 3 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the January 28th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the December financials. He stated they are watching the effects of the drop in oil prices and are trying to maintain cost in anticipation of any effect it may have. He gave updates on the current projects and facilities. Councilor Buzzard sewage at the Grove property. Councilor Byrd inquired if the agreements have been finalized for the businesses at the plaza here in Tahlequah. He also inquired about the Bassmaster Classic coming to Tulsa soon.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Mr. Jamie Cole reported in the absence of Ms. Horn. Mr. Cole offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired if we are on track with the third party billing.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported they are working with a water tank company in Jay where a ground breaking ceremony will be held next Wednesday. She commented Ms. Anna Knight is in the process of writing a grant to the USDA to assist in the sewer in the Jay industrial park. She provided an update on the Summer Youth Program including dates, ages, funding, and process changes. She discussed a summer youth grant they are applying for to assist with the program. They will be doing summer youth resource fairs in approximately four different locations. Councilor Warner inquired about the number of summer youth slots in comparison to last year. He reminded her of his community meeting on March 21st and requested this information be available. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the budget cut and reduction of slots. Councilor Buzzard gave appreciation for the efforts taking place in Jay to bring in much needed jobs.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight the USDA Set Planning in Stilwell was held with a really good turnout. They have purchased a new tool for their business coaches to assist in structuring a business loan plan. They are working the youth entrepreneur competitions in partnership with TERO. She gave an update on the loans they have available.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

##### T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

*Chair Taylor requested the TERO certifications be approved with the addition of Fields and Sons which was inadvertently left off of the original list. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

*Mr. Reece stated there isn't a list provided in the book. He reminded the committee of the discussion held in Rules committee to go ahead and proceed with those that are qualified. Councilor Hargis moved to approve all of the pending applications that qualify and are in good standing. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Mr. Reece announced a new list has been provided and there are more additions which include: \$500 to the Cherokee Adult Choir from Councilors Byrd, Jordan and Walkingstick; \$1,000 to Salina School Band from Councilor Buzzard; \$500 for the Trail of Hope from Councilor Anglen. Councilor Hargis requested \$2,500 to Rocky Mountain School and \$500 to Cave Springs School. Councilors Byrd and Vazquez requested clarification on some of their requests. Councilor Vazquez requested to add Native American Fellowship Inc. for \$150. Councilor Snell requested to add \$500 to the Salina School Band. Councilor Hargis moved to approve with the additions. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

*Chair Taylor announced a new list has been provided. Councilor Warner moved to*

*approve the new list. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### ROADS

*Mr. Reece gave an overview of the Roads request and memo provided. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

*Councilor Hargis moved to approve the sports team list. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

*No new requests were submitted.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-026](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO DELAWARE CO. RURAL WATER DISTRICT #11  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [16-027](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #17-15 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:36 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>
<i>Jon Smith</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Courtney Jordan</i>

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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