

# **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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Thursday, October 27, 2016	3:00 PM	Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

# INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

# ROLL CALL

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

- Absent 1 Keith Austin
- Late Arrival 2 Rex Jordan and David Walkingstick

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve both the September 29th PAC and regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# **REPORTS**:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr.* Slaton reported on the August financials and gave an update on the pending projects. He stated they are focused on 2017 and the stability of the economy due to the cut backs in the oil industry. Hard Rock continues to perform exceptionally well. He gave appreciation to Mr. Fulton and his team in their efforts to minimize the impact of the new competition. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Hargis inquired about the status of the new homes in West Siloam Springs. Councilor Lay requested clarification and an update on the ballot initiative in Arkansas including the amount of funds CNB spent. Councilor Byrd inquired about the effect of the Seminoles purchase of the Hard Rock label. Councilor Thornton inquired about future

possibilities of the Arkansas casino initiative. Chair Taylor commented on the ability of CNB to function as a no-borrowing company. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about an article in the Tulsa World regarding the possibility of another casino and if it would be a conflict.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Mr.* Jamie Cole reported in the absence of Ms. Horn. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Crittenden inquired about truancy.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they are working closely with CNB. They have put together two different proposals for two major businesses this last month. She announced the Ray Corporation in the Pryor Industrial park is expanding. They will be holding a job fair for this expansion on November 15th. She gave highlights of a new business coming to the Grove area. She gave highlights of the South Coffeyville project. They are working with CNB on a food and beverage job fair. She announced there are five upcoming job fairs. Chair Taylor inquired about the truck driver training and certifications. She also gave appreciation for the Pryor Career Service office participating in the Trunk or Treat event coming up. Councilor Hatfield inquired if the truck driving program including assisting in the payment of the certifications.

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms.* Knight provided some flyers for the homebuyers fair on November 3rd. She gave some highlights from the report provided. The Small Business Expo Fair will include several workshops this year.

# CONSENT ITEMS:

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

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

A new list was provided. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

No new requests were submitted.

## ROADS

Councilor Thornton made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve the new list provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the new list. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. <u>16-110</u> AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Taylor announced the Pryor girls' softball team took State. One of our Cherokee citizens Olivia Rains who is on our Tribal Youth Council was named MVP of the softball team.

Councilor Crittenden announced a community meeting on the 4th at the Star of Bethlehem Church.

*Councilor Walkingstick reminded everyone of the College and Career Fair at Sequoyah High School tonight starting at 6:00.* 

# ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:58 p.m.

# STAFF PRESENT:

Brandy James Willard Mounce Stephanie Isaacs Anna Knight Jamie Cole Jody Reece Todd Hembree Chuck Hoskin Jr.

# VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold Shawn Slaton Teddye Snell

Jay Neugin