



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Tuesday, May 16, 2017

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ;
Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez;
Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay;
David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the April 27th regular session minutes.
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton reported on the March and April financial results. The new pool at Hard Rock is open. The Spa at Hard Rock is doing well. He gave a brief overview of the gaming bill being considered by the State and its possible impact. He stated they are working with Diane Kelley as well the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Tulsa Regional Chamber on economic development in the fourteen counties. He offered to answer questions. Chair Taylor inquired if there would be an open house for Will Rogers Downs following the renovations. Councilor Byrd requested renovations be considered for the Cherokee Nation gift shop and the Restaurant of the Cherokees. Mr. Slaton announced they are moving forward with putting games into the travel plaza in Roland.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

Ms. Horn announced we now have a federal budget for FY 2017. They are working to compile the Cherokee Nation budget for FY 2018. She thanked Jamie Cole and Connie Chandler for their participation in a public hearing in front of the Government Accounting Standards Board. She provided the single audit of Cherokee Nation and introduced Joel Haaser of BKD to give an overview and answer any questions from the audit. Chair Taylor commended Ms. Horn and her staff for the hard work they do. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about issues with the new Health system software. Councilor Buzzard inquired if their firm has performed any other audits where this health system is used.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced they are moving staff around in offices. They are preparing to launch their Summer Youth Leadership Intern Program. She provided an update for the Summer Youth program. They celebrated National Economic Development week with the Chief signing a proclamation. She offered to answer questions.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Chair Taylor announced a new revised list has been provided. Mr. Reece gave the following additions; Councilor Hargis \$1,000 to the Jeremiah 29 Foundation and \$1,500 to Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Councilor Jordan \$5,000 to Peggs school, Councilor Byrd \$500 each to Eldon Baptist Church, Elm Tree Baptist Church, Calvary Indian Baptist Church and Cedar Tree Church, Johnson Prairie Church, Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Olive Baptist Church and \$2,500 to the Steeley Church. Councilor Austin requested clarification on the funding available and the carryover. He requested the addition of \$1,000 to Emmanuel Church. Councilor Warner requested the addition of \$1,000 to Catholic Charities of Sallisaw and \$1,000 to Oaks Mission Children Alumni. Councilor Hargis moved to approve as amended. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the amended list. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Austin requested the addition of \$2,200 to the Collinsville Police and \$2,200 to the Verdigris Police. The motion carried.

ROADS

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

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-059](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #23-16 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 - MOD. 8b; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Austin moved to approve modification 8a as substituted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Mr. Reece gave an overview of the modification and the changes. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Lay announced the alternative housing work group will be held following the adjournment of this meeting.

Chair Taylor announced a PAC meeting will be at 2:30 today.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:35 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
<i>Forrest Cox</i>	<i>Joel Haaser</i>	