



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Janees Taylor, Chair*

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Thursday, September 27, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

**Absent** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

**Late Arrival** 1 - Bryan Warner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve the August 21st budget hearings and the August 30th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Cherokee Plaza casino renderings showing the banquet space options. He reported work continues at the Supreme Courthouse. The retail plaza is coming along. They are currently underway with the restoration at the Saline Courthouse. They are in the process of determining a solution for the vandalism at the Saline Courthouse. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on an issue with an employee. He also requested clarification on the political contributions made by CNB. Chair Taylor requested Ms. Kim Teehee give a brief overview of the possible state changes with*

*gaming. She stated in this election cycle the stakes can't be higher with the state legislature. Councilor Crittenden voiced concern for the large political donations.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Lacey Horn

*Ms. Horn announced we have received the following grant approvals: \$1.25ml over five years to reduce youth alcohol use, a tribal opioid response grant of \$6.8ml over two years, zero suicide grant for five years of \$1.9ml, and \$8ml dislocated workers grant.*

## RECESS

**Chair Taylor recessed the meeting to be reconvened following the Special Council meeting starting at 4:00. The meeting recessed at 3:54 p.m.**

## RECONVENE

**Chair Taylor called the meeting back to order at 4:09 p.m.**

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Debra Lack gave a little additional information on the \$8ml grant Treasurer Horn announced for dislocated workers. They are assisting CNB with recruitment fairs. The Mid-America Chili Cook-off is the 4th of October. She announced there will be open houses on October 3rd for the Talking Leaves Job Corp Center and the Work Force. Councilor Dobbins requested the information regarding the job recruitment fairs be emailed to the Council.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*No one was present to report.*

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Shawn Slaton

*Councilor Lay inquired about the tribes moving more and more out west. Councilor Austin commented on the Tulsa World Best of Tulsa voted on by readers and how the Hard Rock ranked. Councilor Walkingstick inquired which account the \$750,000 political donations are from.*

## CONSENT ITEMS:

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

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

### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

*Councilor Hargis moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Reece stated the following additions; Councilor Shaw requested \$500 to the Capitol City Cherokees Community, \$500 to the Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance, \$500 to the Cherokees of Central California, \$500 to the Cherokee Citizen*

*League of Southeast Texas, \$500 to the Cherokee Community of North Texas, \$500 to the Cherokee Community Budget Sound, \$500 to the Cherokee Town of San Antonio, \$500 to the Cherokees of Central Florida, \$500 to the Colorado Cherokee Circle, \$500 to the Mount Hood Cherokees, \$500 to the New Mexico Community of Cherokees, \$500 to the San Diego Community of Cherokees, \$1,350 to the Greater Tulsa Cherokees, and \$2,000 to the Tulsa Cherokee Community Organization. Councilor Buzzard \$106 to the Delaware County Boys and Girls Club. Councilor Crittenden requested \$99 to the Peavine School. The motion carried as amended.*

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

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

#### ROADS

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

#### SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

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

#### LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Crittenden announced his community meeting will be on October 2nd at the Mid County Community Building.*

*Councilor Lay announced a community meeting at the Nowata Community Building on October 13th at high noon.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:34 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Kim Teehee</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Jerry Caughman</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Gaylon Thompson</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Debra Lack</i>		

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

<i>Shawn Slaton</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	