



# 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*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, June 25, 2020

3:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Coates and Jordan attended remotely.*

**Present** 15 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan ; Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Daryl Legg

**Late Arrival** 1 - Rex Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve the May 28th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported all ten properties are back up and running although it is not business as usual. They have a strict mask and no smoking policy. The numbers are around the 50% range for all properties at this time. The hotels are now open. He provided an update on the Arkansas gaming in Polk County. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Dobbins inquired about new activity at the Cherokee Plaza. Councilor Nofire inquired if they would know more in regard to the Arkansas gaming venture on Monday. He requested an opportunity to speak to him on*

*a possible business venture. Councilor Shaw inquired about our database storage. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the leave for the employees and the testing process. Councilor Byrd inquired if the employees would receive the hazard pay.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

*Treasurer Scott offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the storage files referred to in the report. She inquired about the storage of our storage data. Councilor Duncan requested clarification on giving our citizens stipends from the CARES fund dollars, he inquired if any direction has been provided from the U.S. Treasury on if it is allowable or not. Councilor Nofire inquired if the CARES Act funds are income based. He inquired if funds have already been distributed to CNB and if so what is the breakdown of those funds. Councilor Crittenden inquired if there would be a loosening of the Human Services guidelines. Councilor Smith requested a breakdown of where the CARES Act funding is going to be able to show our citizens. Councilor Austin inquired if the U.S. Treasury has issued a statement setting out punishment for not using the funds properly. Councilor Nofire inquired about the CARES Act funds not being able to be used for previously budgeted items and if the OSU medical school and the Wilma P. Mankiller projects were previously budgeted. He also inquired if CNB were able to recover funding from insurance monies would they reimburse the tribe. Councilor Coates inquired about our level of confidence that an audit will take place and if so when. Councilor Deere inquired about the parameters of uses for the COVID-19 funds. Councilor Buzzard inquired what citizen numbers we used for the CARES funds.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Commerce - Anna Knight

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

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

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

##### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

**A new list was provided. Councilor Duncan requested the addition of the Adair County 4-H Club for \$750. Councilor Crittenden requested \$250 to the Adair County 4-H Club. Councilor Duncan stated he and Councilor Crittenden are going to establish a scholarship with these funds going to the 4-H Club in honor of Karen Ketcher. Councilor Smith requested the addition of Gore Athletic Department in the amount of \$1,940 and the Vian Youth League in the amount of \$1,138. Councilor Nofire requested \$750 to the Caney General Baptist Church, \$750 to the Dry Creek General Baptist Church. Councilor Crittenden requested \$400 to the Jeremiah Foundation. Councilor Austin to accept as amended. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

**Councilor Austin requested an addition to the District 12 DA's Office. Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve with the amendment. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ROADS

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve the new list provided. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [20-029](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #15-19 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - MOD. 10A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve the submitted Mod. 10a. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Taylor announced we are currently working on the July schedule so that the tentative date of July 30th may change.*

*Chief of Staff, Todd Enlow, announced the Higher Education Scholarships deadline closes this Friday at 5:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:19 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Tralynna Scott*  
*Todd Enlow*

*Taralee Montgomery*

*Jody Reece*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*

*Tim Brown*

*Remote Attendance:*  
*Chuck Garrett*