



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janees Taylor, Chair

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Thursday, September 24, 2020

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chair Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Crittenden attended remotely.

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Shambaugh; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the August 24th budget hearing minutes and the August 27th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave an update on the August financials provided. He announced they are having a record year on receiving federal contracts for the year 2021. He stated the gaming side continues to run below budget. They are doing some exterior updates to the Hard Rock facility. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the completion date of Starbucks and if there are any new neighbors coming soon by Newk's.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Tralynna Scott

Treasurer Scott reported they are busy with the fiscal year end. They have received an award for outstanding budget presentation from GIPA. Chair Taylor inquired if the Financial Resources staff is about to work from home or does additional space need to be located to allow for social distancing. Councilor Shaw inquired if all of the elder stipends would be in the mail by September 30th. Councilor Nofire requested an update on the CARES Act funding and if additional funds would be received.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced they have mobile classrooms and digital signs coming along with numerous trainings scheduled. She gave an update on the adult education programs. They are working hard and diligently where needed. They are providing laptops for all of the vocational training students. They received a Department of Labor grant for COVID disaster relief for \$3ml and they also received an employment and training recovery grant for \$5ml. They are still awaiting news on the JAT grants. They will be opening an office in the northern area to expand services. She provided an update on the Career Services staff during the pandemic. The TERO Banquet is cancelled this year however the awards will be given out virtually. Tomorrow a ground breaking will be held for the Veterans Center in Sallisaw. The Chief will be signing proclamations in the month of October for Manufacturing month, Disability Awareness month and Fire Prevention Month. Councilor Byrd commended the TERO certification list as it now contains 100% owned Cherokee businesses.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced they received a \$623,000 in CDFI funding to capitalize the economic development trust authority loan fund.

CONSENT ITEMS:

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

No new requests for approval.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the new list. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROADS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the new list provided. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

Nothing new to approve.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The list was presented to review.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:27 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jody Reece

Taralee Montgomery

Todd Enlow

Remote:

Shay Smith

Tralynna Scott

Diane Kelley

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell

Remote:

Chuck Garrett