



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Thursday, September 30, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Sam gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins and Mike Shambaugh

Absent 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

Late Arrival 1 - Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Callison made a motion to approve the August regular session and the September special session. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett reported on the monthly financials and their COVID policy. Mr. Garrett reported the White House announced a vaccine mandate for federal contractors. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired if the employees would be relocated if they choose not to be vaccinated. Councilor Dobbins inquired about support for the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on a contract.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Treasurer Taylor provided updates on the clothing stipends and the individual \$2,000 assistance. She announced the federal government passed a continuing resolution to get through the 3rd of December. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on the passing of a former employee, Project Ocean, an upcoming economic development meeting in Miami, a Work Force Development Proclamation, Manufacturing month, Identifying Indian owned businesses, workshops, and the child development/child care campaign. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Mr. Highers offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired about the Kawi Café.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve all as presented. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kidwell announced the passing of an At Large citizen.

Councilor Shotpouch invited everyone to the Spavinaw powwow next weekend.

Councilor Legg announced the fall festival in Marble City this weekend. The Rural Community Initiative Foundation has firewood for pickup or delivery.

Councilor Dobbins reminded everyone Health Committee starts at 12:30 on October 12th.

Chair Austin announced the passing of the Oolougah Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:26 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery
Janees Taylor*

*Camerin Fite James
Stephen Highers*

*Diane Kelley
Todd Enlow*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddy Snell

*Remote:
Chuck Garrett*