



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, June 11, 2018

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Smith gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Frankie Hargis

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the May 14th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired about a schedule for the clothing vouchers. Ms. Lamb stated they are online applications only this year. Clarification was requested for those who don't have a computer or access to one. She provided contact information if further clarification is needed.*

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

*Mr. Lynn announced Ms. Ketcher was unable to attend today. He gave a brief background of Ms. Ketcher and offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

## Roads &amp; Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn provided an update on the road projects. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a completion date for the Ross St. road. He also asked if they still put up dedication road signs when the project is complete. Councilor Byrd requested Council Attorney Blakestad review the legislation pertaining to the naming of roads, buildings etc. Councilor Shambaugh requested an update on the road to the buffalo at Kenwood, Moseley School road and Sewer Pond road. Councilor Anglen inquired if there would be any road issues with the Amazon plant coming.*

## Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

## Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper reported the college housing applications are now available on the website. They will accept the applications in their office from July 23rd to August 3rd. He announced they would be bringing forward the Indian Housing Plan for approval next month. They still have a few slots available on the HUD VASH program. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the number of replacement homes in the IHP. Councilor Warner inquired if there was any updates that could be shared on alternatives for the replacement homes. Mr. Cooper stated they sent out proposals for alternatives and one of those submitted has been built and set up behind the model homes to review and consider. He stated they would make it available for a tour at the next meeting if needed. Councilor Buzzard inquired if Ms. Swepston has spoken to him about a handicapped ramp at the Jay tag office. He inquired if they have any cost saving information on the home where the solar panels were used. Mr. Cooper announced he was elected by acclamation as the Chair Person of the National American Indian Housing Council for a two year term.*

## Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She commented on the two page summary of the Section 184 loan program she had provided by email. She reported a piece of legislation was passed where consumers can freeze their credit if fraudulent activity is suspected. Councilor Buzzard inquired about consumer loan foreclosure and the process.*

## Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

*Ms. Limore offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired if she received the email regarding the DOJ report. Councilor Buzzard inquired about grandparent rights to visitation in the State of Oklahoma.*

## Community &amp; Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

*No one was present to report.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-040](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, OFFICE OF CHILD CARE FOR TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANT  
**Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried. Chair Lay inquired if this needed to go to Council this evening. The motion to carried to send this resolution to Council this evening passed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Lay announced the Veteran’s Center would begin reporting quarterly to this committee beginning in July.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:52 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Payton Qualls</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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