



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Harley Buzzard, Chair*

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Monday, January 17, 2011

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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**This meeting was originally scheduled for January 11th.**

### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 10 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Meredith Frailey and Tina Glory Jordan

**Late Arrival** 6 - Bradley Cobb; Cara Cowan Watts; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates and S. Joe Crittenden

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution to donate surplus items to client families. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Both Councilors Glory-Jordan and Bill John Baker requested to be added as sponsors.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Soap moved to approve the December 13, 2010 regular session minutes. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norma Merriman

*Ms. Merriman announced they had special staff training last week from a doctor in Canada who works with children who have brain development issues. The trainings*

were held for four days in Catoosa and here in Tahlequah. She announced they have a series of trainings with people who are in child development from now through September with the use of ARRA funds.

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

Mr. Soap offered to answer questions from his written report. Chair Buzzard inquired about the status of receiving the water treatment plants back that had been previously donated out. Mr. Soap stated they are processing the paperwork now for them. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if there is a rule on the housing packages where they are taken back if not completed within a certain amount of time. Mr. Soap stated there are two that are being taken back now and they are becoming stricter with the others. Councilor Fullbright inquired about the Brushy Community Organization and their looking for a community building. Mr. Soap stated the community organization has leased the church. Councilor Thornton inquired about the Community Adult fund and the amount of funds available. Mr. Soap commented approximately \$200,000 remains and that some policy changes have been made to allow them to help other people. Chair Buzzard raised question about the Bradley waterline and a homeowner having to put in 1,300 feet of waterline to their house. Mr. Soap stated he would inquired and report back.

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the written report provided. Chair Buzzard once again requested a northern transit route. Mr. Lynn stated he reviewed the surveys that had been performed and the numbers just aren't there for a northern route. He stated the survey was done prior to the completion of the Siloam Springs expansion and that they would perform another survey now that that project is complete. Funding is also an issue as all of their federal transit administration funds are being used on existing routes. They recently received a grant for just over \$392,000 from the federal transit administration which will be used to purchase an additional bus. This bus will bring the fleet up to four and will be used for the Muskogee to Tahlequah route. Chair Buzzard requested a northern route be given priority as all other areas are covered. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the response given to the nature conservancy comments. Mr. Lynn stated a meeting is scheduled for this week with the administration to determine the direction to be taken on the Pumpkin Hollow project. Councilor Cowan Watts commented she is yet to receive a response from Dana Espinal who is in charge of the sign project for Claremore Indian Hospital. Mr. Lynn stated he would follow up. Mr. Lynn announced they would be having a resolution coming forward soon on a bridge replacement in Rogers County over Dog Creek.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland gave the disclosures for the month and announced the board meeting will be held tomorrow at noon. He announced they have been contacted by the Cookson Hills Community Action in regard to the large quantity of mobile homes they got from FEMA and their offer to sell some of those mobile homes to us. He announced they have also been contacted by HUD in regard to the availability of FEMA trailers to tribes.

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Shay Smith offered to answer questions from the Commerce report provided.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-008](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CLIENT FAMILIES  
  
**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilors Glory-Jordan and Bill John Baker requested to be included as sponsors. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 1:35 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Norma Merriman  
Charlie Soap*

*David Southerland  
Michael Lynn*

*Shay Smith*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Curly Cowan*