



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Harley Buzzard, Chair

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Tuesday, March 15, 2011

10:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright and S. Joe Crittenden

Absent 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

Late Arrival 5 - David Thornton Sr. ; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey and Tina Glory Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the February 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norma Merriman

Mr. Dallas Pettigrew reported in the absence of Ms. Merriman. He announced LIHEAP Crisis has been reopened and will go through the end of March. The Cherokee Nation will host the 24th Annual Food Distribution Conference in Catoosa beginning on the 5th of June. Councilor Bill John Baker requested a status update regarding vendors for the Clothing for Kids Program. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about assistance for a gentleman once he moves within the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction.

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

Mr. Soap offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about the cost of the homes being built in Sequoyah County. Mr. Soap stated he could provide the information. Councilor Coates commended Mr. Soap and his staff and COTTA for the achievement of getting approval of 501C3 status for the Cherokee Nation Community Association. Chair Buzzard requested an update on the water treatment plants and the Leach waterline.

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the written report provided. Councilor Cobb inquired about the status of signage on the bridge west of Ramona. Mr. Lynn stated they received the signs for several projects however they lettering is too small and they are working to correct the problem at this time. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the signage from ODOT for the Claremore Indian Hospital. She requested the updates for this request be provided in the monthly report until complete. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the Lost City Road could start at the beginning of the road instead of three miles in and go to the end as well. Mr. Lynn stated the section scheduled for the project has major drainage issues which will be addressed. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the first three miles be added to this project since the Pumpkin Hollow project isn't moving forward. Chair Buzzard requested the Daytown Road be reviewed in regard to the points system as it has the same issue as the road being referred to by Councilor Jordan.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland reported the public disclosures for the month. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 19th at noon. The mortgage foreclosures listed on the report is for both January and February. They will be receiving four FEMA trailers from HUD instead of the fifty requested. He announced they are having difficulties reaching the Cookson Hills program in regard to the FEMA trailers they have. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a complete listing of every foreclosure including those which are complete showing the funds lost.

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported on behalf of Anna Knight. She provided an update and answered several questions regarding foreclosures and the MAP program. She stated most of the foreclosures are program recipients who received the MAP prior to May of 2008. The Cherokee Nation began implementing the MAP program in May of 2008 and made several policy changes. She stated they would provide next month the foreclosure rate for MAP recipients since 2008. She stated at this point no one has been foreclosed upon who has completed self-sufficiency counseling. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if they would meet the projected goal of 300 MAP for the year.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-030](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS, FOR EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES, AND PREVENTION AND DIVERSION SERVICES
Councilor Cobb moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chiar Buzzard announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:48 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Dallas Pettigrew</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Paula Ragsdale</i>
<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>David Southerland</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Charlie Soap</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Mark Vance</i>	<i>Tommy Hearn</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
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(In accordance with Legislative Act 42-07 Section 5 (B), Councilperson Cowan-Watts is reported absent due to personal reasons, and in that, a vote was not taken to approve her not being physically present.)