



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, January 11, 2016

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hatfield gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the December 14, 2015 regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported they assisted twenty-three families to date with issues regarding the recent flooding. The deadline for the Valentine for Vets is January 29th. They are in the process of making plans for the next Warriors Flight in September of this year. The director of the Veteran's Center is going to start meeting with the Veteran's being honored at that month's Council meeting to insure they are aware of the programs and services available to them. In March the Veteran's Center will host the Disabled American Veterans and DAV Auxiliary Conference. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the veterans who have been honored in the past would be invited to this conference. He also inquired about child support payments. Councilor Hatfield requested a report next month showing more details pertaining to the home visiting grant. Councilor Vazquez inquired what the needs are for the valentine's for vets. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the Community Youth grant.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported on his departments dealings with the flood. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Lay inquired as to how many employees are within this department. Councilor Anglen inquired about the funding availability for Emergency Rehab. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the water and sanitation funding from IHS. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the amount of funding remaining for tribal emergencies. Councilor Taylor inquired if Mr. Hix had followed up on a situation she spoke to him about last week. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about disaster relief equipment. Chair Lay inquired if the applications are date stamped when received. Councilor Warner inquired if there is anything he could do to assist with those in his district to get the applications completed.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported they had an opportunity to apply for a brand new HUD vash program and have been notified they will be one of the tribes to receive funding. The Housing Authority will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year. Chair Lay inquired about funding within the budget modification for the Housing Authority from the Housing Rehab program. He inquired about the status of the current Housing Rehab employees.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided an update on the current road projects. Councilor Hargis inquired about the status of Malloy Hollow.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they are gearing up for the free tax preparation. They are hiring a full time staff person in Jay. She brought to the attention the average cost of the home for the MAP participants. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the average payment for the MAP participants.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-001](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [TMP-339](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STORM SHELTERS FOR CHEROKEE NATION SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENTS, ALL OTHER CHEROKEE NATION APARTMENTS, CHEROKEE NATION CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS,

CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND OTHER CHEROKEE
NATION FACILITIES.

Chair Lay commented this is a discussion only item he brought forward. Discussion was held on some of the possible solutions and requested the Housing Authority visit these sites. Chair Lay stated he would provide pictures of the gas tanks being used in some remote communities.

Chair Lay requested this item be tabled to the February meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lay made an announcement from Stacy Leeds regarding an invite to an Indian Gaming Law and Regulations class on January 13th through the 15th at the University of Arkansas. Councilor Buzzard requested this information by email.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:27 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>David Pruitt</i>
<i>Debbie Nodine</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Debra Lack</i>
<i>John Hammons</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		