



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Community Services Committee

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

9:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Absent 1 - Tina Glory Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15th regular session. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14th special session. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norman Merriman

Attachments: [Hum Serv Report Feb 08](#)

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

Attachments: [Comm Serv Group Feb 08](#)

3. Housing Services - David Southerland

Attachments: [Housing Serv report feb 08](#)

OLD BUSINESS

1. LIHEAP PROGRAM (continued discussion and possible action)

Ms. Merriman announced Mr. Jerry Snell was unable to attend this meeting. She did say she had spoken with him and he has talked to two of our largest area propane suppliers. He learned the difference in price this year was pretty small this past year. Mr. Snell is now in the process of compiling information from 2006 and 2007 from all heating sources. Ms. Merriman reminded the Council if pellets are purchased in the summer when the cost is cheaper they must then be stored then transported when needed which both are costly. Chair Buzzard inquired if she had met with Callie Catcher in regard to forward funding. Ms. Merriman stated it was her understanding after talking to Ms. Catcher that forward funding is not a good option. Councilor Bill John Baker expressed wishes to go ahead and fund \$200,000 for propane for the poor and elderly. He made a motion to move from this committee to executive and finance \$200,000 to supplement LIHEAP to purchase summer propane. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Chair Buzzard stated there is still time for research. Councilor Bill John Baker reminded the committee in the past when additional funds were appropriated the Federal government gave a supplement. Ms. Merriman stated she would research further and continue to gather additional information. Councilor Cobb stated this is good sound business thinking. He suggested tabling this discussion to allow time to put together a business plan. Councilor Bill John Baker stated he isn't opposed to tabling the discussion to obtain additional information. They won't need to purchase the propane till summertime.

Councilor Thornton announced he had just called Liberty Propane and was told last summer propane was \$1.70 a gallon and in November it went to \$2.25.

**Councilor Jack Baker moved to table to gather additional information.
Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM (continued discussion and possible action)

Mr. Southerland stated as of yesterday they have spent \$45,000 since October 1st with \$150,000 remaining. At the present rate of spending he doesn't feel there is a need for additional funding at this time. Chair Buzzard requested Mr. Southerland keep the Council apprised of the funding balances.

This matter was Not to Pass

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES TO THE U. S. FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU, RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM

Sponsors: Councilor Buzzard

. Ms. Linda Vann stated this is an ongoing grant with a \$7,000 match.

Councilor Garvin made a motion to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM, FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

Sponsors: Councilor Buzzard

Ms Vann stated this resolution is also an ongoing grant but doesn't have a match.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Sponsors: Councilor Coates And Councilor Baker

Councilor Julia Coates announced a handout has been provided. They have removed the elected officials from the board of directors and now require a 60% minimum household membership of the at large organizations.

Councilor Coates made a motion for the approval. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Cowan Watts to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion at 9:58 a.m. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Norma Merriman</i>	<i>David Southerland</i>	<i>Linda Vann</i>
<i>Charlie Soap</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Darlene Foreman</i>
<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Ginger Brown</i>	<i>Brian Cooper</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Jim Ketcher

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____