



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, March 20, 2017

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 3 - Joe Byrd; Wanda Hatfield and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve the February 21st regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb provided a draft form to be used at the Veterans Center as a tool to create a database for all of our veterans. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they use the 211 service system available in Oklahoma and if it could be incorporated in to the Human Services department. Councilor Crittenden if there is any assistance for stoves and refrigerators. Councilor Buzzard requested a status update for the waiver for donated foods in Miami.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported we have approximately twenty-seven programs funded by NAHASDA through the Indian Housing Plan. He gave an update on those programs

and their budgets. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the 2015 and the 2016 funding had already been expended. He also inquired if the water and sanitation funding has been received.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Lay inquired how many homes have been completed to date. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they have a surplus of refrigerators. Councilor Vazquez commented on the ground breaking for the new homes in Vinita and inquired when the building would begin. She inquired if they had considered rentals in the Vinita area. Councilor Warner inquired about rentals in the Belfonte area. Councilor Crittenden inquired about creating a work group regarding discussion on the possibilities of trailers and replacement homes. Chair Lay inquired who would like to be part of the work group; Councilors Buzzard, Hargis, Warner, Crittenden and Lay all agreed to be part of the work group. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the Nation purchasing homes for sale. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the Housing Authority could purchase homes for rentals.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Qualls offered to answer questions for the Roads Department in the absence of Mr. Lynn. He commented the Federal Transit Administration is here for a review of some of our roads programs. He provided a copy of the agenda provided for their review.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. She announced there would be a homebuyers fair at RSU in Pryor on the 28th of April. Councilor Buzzard inquired what type of loans were foreclosed on in the consumer loan program.

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

No one was present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-345](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE COAT AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

Councilor Walkingstick commented he has visited with Treasurer Horn and more time is needed for research. He inquired if it was true some of the Stage stores have gone out of business. Ms. Lamb commented this year's funding for the clothing vouchers has already been contracted with Stage. They continue to review options including how other tribes implement their program.

Councilor Walkingstick moved to table. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:51 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Courtney Jordan
Marsha Lamb
Shay Smith*

*Canaan Duncan
Willard Mounce*

*Ron Qualls
Billy Hix*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Gary Cooper
Dianne Barker Harrold*

Teddye Snell

Brian Barlow