



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

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Monday, August 13, 2012

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 10 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Frankie Hargis

**Late Arrival** 7 - Buel Anglen; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 16th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Kara Whitworth reported in the absence of Ms. Lamb. Ms. Whitworth recognized Michelle Locust the coordinator of the clothing voucher program. She introduced their new Deputy Executive Director of Human Services, Barbara Foreman. She provided an update on the Elders in Need program. Councilor Thornton inquired what it would take for the elders to receive additional food from the food distribution program. Councilor Garvin inquired about the National Conference on Aging. Councilor Keener inquired about the status of the food distribution center in Collinsville. Councilor Fishinghawk requested clarification on information she was given by the former Chief a couple of years ago that elders were eligible for donated foods if they were on fixed income even if they were over income. Councilor Garvin inquired about the status of the LIHEAP blankets. Ms. Brandy Lemley the Lead Coordinator of the Angel Tree provided a booklet of details pertaining to the program, she provided a brief overview of the program and introduced the workers.*

3. Housing Services - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland gave the disclosures for the month.*

2. Community Services - David Southerland

*He provided an update on the Community Youth grant, Sports team grant, and livestock grant. He announced he would be leaving the tribe at the end of the month. Councilor Thornton disclosed he doesn't have any family working for a contractor of the Housing Authority. He requested assistance for the residents of Braggs with their water issues.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn provided a handout of the current active projects. He announced a pre-construction community meeting was held for the Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow project last Thursday with a good turnout. Several questions were asked and concerns were voiced in regard to the handout of active road projects. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a breakdown of how much each subcontractor receives. Councilor Glory-Jordan suggested forming a subcommittee or a work group to review all of the subcontracts for roads projects to determine why non-TERO vendors are being approved. Councilor Hoskin Jr. suggested the Chair review and see if a subcommittee is warranted. Mr. Lynn commented they have some draft contract language currently being reviewed by the Attorney General's office and offered to share with this committee for review prior to the formation of a subcommittee.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported a home foreclosure analysis report has been provided as requested. She announced they have been working with Gary Cooper and Diane Kelley to submit a rural opportunity grant.*

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda for a brief presentation by the William W. Barnes Childrens Advocacy Center. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-099](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the**

**motion. Councilors Garvin, Frailey, Walkingstick and Keener requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to amend the staffing to 58 and add the Collinsville distribution center. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. After some discussion was held the motion carried with some opposition. The motion to approve as amended carried.**

2. [12-100](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY '2013 FUNDING FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

**Councilor Frailey moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilors Byrd, Walkingstick and Thornton requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

3. [12-104](#) AN ACT AMENDING LA 36-02 TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to add a sentence at the end of Section 4A to read the attendance of the advisory board members and an agenda item for reporting out from those board meetings will be provided at this committee meeting. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Frailey inquired if all privileges included pay.*

**The motion to approve as amended carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 17 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

4. [TMP-223](#) PRESENTATION BY THE WILLIAM W. BARNES ADVOCACY CENTER

*Councilor Hoskin Jr. announced this group provides advocacy for abused children in three counties. He requested the committee listen to a brief presentation by a couple of the group representatives for consideration of providing additional funding during the budget hearing process. Ms. Tammy Jennings provided a brief history of her personal experience and a summary of how the center works. She introduced Holly Webb the Director of the center. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a \$50,000 donation be placed on the agenda next month for consideration. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion.*

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. suggested reviewing during the budget hearings.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Lay announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 10th.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:58 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Kara Whitworth  
Barbara Foreman  
Dianna Turtle  
Anna Knight  
Hettie Charboneau*

*Brandy Lemley  
Jerry Snell  
Michael Lynn  
Gary Cooper  
Patsy Cochran*

*Michelle Locust  
Billy Hix  
David Southerland  
Bud Squirrel  
Sally Wilson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Patricia Carpenter  
Farrell Prater  
Holly Webb*

*Raymond Vann  
Yvonne Blevins*

*Dianne Barker Harrold  
Tammy Jennings*