



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, September 11, 2017

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis ; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 6 - Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick; Mike Shambaugh and E. O. "JR." Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the August 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb gave an update on the clothing voucher program. She reported the coat voucher program would begin at the end of October. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the contact person for Family Assistance.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Michael Lynn offered to take questions from the report provided by Ron Qualls.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported on the Tenkiller School road, Leach Kenwood road, Moonshine road, Honey Hill and N.E. Ft. Gibson. He announced they have been working with Kim

Tehee on a government relations issue pertaining to the Tribal Technical Assistance Program at OSU in Stillwater regarding transportation and road construction training. Mr. Phillip Manus and four other employees have been called to Florida in hurricane relief efforts. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired if our congressional contacts have been contacted with the issues. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on a recent liquidated contractor submitting bids for upcoming projects.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper gave an update on the College Housing Program. He provided a flyer on the HUD VASH program and gave a brief program update. He reported on his recent attendance at a regional housing association meeting. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Several clarification questions were asked regarding the HUD VASH program.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided a handout of the policy changes to the Mortgage Assistance Program reflective of budget reductions in NAHASDA. She provided an update on the effects to the IDA program. There office has eliminated all travel except for the VITA program. She reported they have also eliminated 3 positions within their department. Following a detailed explanation of the changes she offered to answer questions. Councilor Buzzard inquired where the changes originated. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired if the background checks could be done through the Marshal Service. Councilor Buzzard requested as status update on the lighting project at the industrial park in Jay.

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore reported they are working on a prevention worker to keep children in their placed homes longer. She provided highlights on the Hero's for Hygiene program. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on response times on the report.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Councilor Walkingstick gave an update that Wal-Mart is able to provide a restricted card for clothes only. An approval is needed from the Cherokee Nation Administration. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the timeline from Ms. Lamb. Ms. Lamb stated they are meeting with 2 other vendors this month. She also voiced concern about expiration dates on the Wal-Mart cards. Councilor Byrd requested she provide a list of pro/cons between Wal-Mart and Stage.

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

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:09 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Anna Knight
Nikki Limore*

*Michael Lynn
Canaan Duncan*

*Marsha Lamb
Courtney Jordan*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

Gary Cooper

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad