



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Community Services Committee

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

10:00 AM

Head Start Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard call the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap and Bradley Cobb

Absent 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

Late Arrival 3 - Meredith Frailey; Curtis Snell and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Garvin made a motion to approve the October 19th regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norman Merriman

Ms. Norma Merriman offered to answer any questions from her report. She stated the angel tree kick off will be November 24th at 4:00 p.m. They expect a large number of children for the angel tree from last year. They are using the day work program workers. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about getting more funds to supplement the angel tree due to the large numbers of angels on the tree. Councilor Bill John Baker suggested adding more money to the budget. Councilor Cowan Watts stated the Speaker and the chair of Executive and Finance need to look at the existing budget before making a decision.

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

Mr. Charlie Soap offered to answer any questions from his written report. Chair Buzzard expressed his concern regarding the IHS Regular Funding for the FY 09 Project. He requested it be checked on and up to date.

TO ASSIST WITH A DRIVEWAY PROJECT

Sponsors: Councilor Bill John Baker

Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about helping a family to get some funding from the Self Help Program to help with their driveway. Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Thornton stated the Roads Department has funding to help with driveways. Councilor Buzzard stated the funding doesn't cover tin horns. Mr. Soap stated they have so much money allocated. They have received so many requests and they have the 14 county area to cover. Chair Buzzard stated to pull the old Resolution and look how it reads.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to table. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap and Bradley Cobb

Nay: 6 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright and Curtis Snell

Not In Room: 2 - Meredith Frailey and Julia Coates

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Barry Hood offered to answer any questions from the written report. Councilor Snell inquired about the Daytown Road being graded. Mr. Hood stated he would get a report from Robert Endicott. Councilor Soap inquired if logs or records were maintained so people could look at regarding different roads. Mr. Hood stated each county has a map that was provided to each councilor. A list is submitted of which road is coming up to be worked on to the County Commissioner, therefore there is no way to tell the County Commissioner which road to work on.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. David Southerland offered to answer any questions from his report. Councilor Garvin inquired about the insurance issues. Mr. Southerland stated they have been having issues with the cost of claims. They have been having a high number of claims. They are giving families an opportunity to raise their deductible. Councilor Glory Jordan questioned if it was income based. Mr. Southerland stated yes, but could extend the income limits.

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Anna Knight offered to answer any questions from her report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. UPDATE ON DISCUSSION REGARDING HOUSING AND JOBS FOR FELONS

Sponsors: Councilor David Thornton

Ms. Norma Merriman provided brochures. The brochures provided information about programs, which documents were needed, contact numbers, etc. The housing program was not listed on the brochures due to their options being limited on meeting the housing requirements. Chair Buzzard requested a follow up next committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO EXTEND THE SECTION 184 LOAN PROGRAM SERVICES TO CHEROKEE CITIZENS LIVING IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Sponsors: Councilor Julia Coates

Councilor Coates made a motion to approve. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Ms. Anna Knight provided some additional information about the 184 Program. There are 23 states that are eligible for the program. Councilor Glory Jordan voiced her concern regarding how it will impact the 14 county jurisdiction for the funding.

Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to table. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. Motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Harley Buzzard and Curtis Snell

Nay: 8 - Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Councilor Coates stated the state of Oklahoma is already overwhelming all of the other states by utilizing the funding money. Councilor Thornton inquired if Arkansas was included in the funding. Ms. Knight stated parts of the state were. Councilor Thornton inquired if there was enough funding for the whole state. Councilor Thornton offered a friendly amendment to add the whole state of Arkansas. Councilor Coates accepted the friendly amendment. Councilor Jack Baker seconded. Mr. Marvin Jones stated the can expand to all areas. They intend to cover Indian areas. The Indians in Oklahoma have a bigger benefit for the funding. They are working on the jurisdiction areas. The funding is based on the 14 county areas. It is subject to the NAHASDA funds and can be portioned out to other areas.

Motion to approved with admendments carried with Councilors Crittenden, Glory Jordan, and Snell opposed.

- 2. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Councilor Harley Buzzard

Councilor Glory Jordan voiced her concern regarding the funding for the housing plan. Mr. Marvin Jones stated there is no funding available for the FY '08. The new funding will not be available until October 1, 2010. The housing plan will be able to get an Indian Housing Plan passed through HUD.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:30 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marvin Jones</i>	<i>Charlie Soap</i>	<i>Beverly Barr</i>
<i>Barry Hood</i>	<i>Norma Merriman</i>	<i>Jerry Snell</i>
<i>S. Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Lita Maupin</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Charles Dry

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Robbi Mouse, Clerk

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: *Harley Buzzard*

Date: _____