



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, May 12, 2014

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the April 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb provided everyone with a flyer to honor those lost in battle at the Veteran's Center on the 23rd of May. In an effort to spread the awareness for the need of additional foster homes an art contest was held at Sequoyah High School, the winners of the contest will be recognized at the Council meeting this evening. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there have been any structure or staffing changes at Indian Child Welfare. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the calendar for clothing vouchers. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the funding status for the clothing voucher program. Councilor Keener inquired about the elder advocate in Rogers County. Councilor Byrd requested the Job Corp kids assist again this year with the clothing voucher program.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls provided a brief update on the 2015 Indian Housing Plan commenting they would like to submit following the June council meeting as it must be submitted prior to its deadline of July 16th. After discussion was held it was decided the June Community Service meeting would be held at 11:00 and the Health meeting would be at 2:00 on the 16th of June. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the Annual Performance Review. Mr. Pruitt gave an update on some issues they are having with the replacement homes and the need for contractors. After discussion was held it was requested that the Administration review the purchasing requirement for a re-bid to be done three times. Councilor Walkingstick inquired as to the number of inspectors. He inquired about using the mission group of construction workers to assist in getting the homes built. Mr. Paul Buckner gave an update on the mission group coming in during the summer and that they will be working with them on projects.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates requested clarification from information given at the California At Large meeting recently regarding the completion of new homes. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the loan process for the new homes. She also requested clarification on information homes built provided in the report. Chair Lay requested clarification on a couple of items on the Housing Authority Board agenda.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided an update on several projects including Nicutt South, the Jay/Kenwood bridges, Wickliffe bridge and the Sequoyah High School intersection. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced they have begun processing their own MAP applications. She provided an update on the issue surrounding the second mortgages. They provided assistance for approximately 1,500 people with tax preparation. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired who the contact person is for MAP. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the changes for the MAP processing. She inquired about meeting of their goal for the MAP program and inquired about the source of those funds. Councilor Keener inquired about the self-sufficiency program.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-046](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES TO THE BASIC CENTER RUNAWAY AND

HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM, U. S. FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. A motion was made and seconded to move this to the Council meeting this evening. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:33 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Marsha Lamb
Gary Cooper
David Pruitt
Michael Lynn
Diane Kelley*

*Elizabeth Odell
Anna Knight
Chris Sams
Ashley Canoe
Jennifer Pigeon*

*Ron Qualls
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Barbara Conness
Bill Andoe
Paul Buckner*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Janice Randall

Tommy Hearn

Dianne Barker Harrold