



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, October 12, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported they have just completed their second Warrior's Flight and will be one of the stories highlighted in Voices of the Cherokee People. They are in the second week of taking applications for LIHEAP. She announced there have been some changes in the Youth Leadership Grant due to budget cuts. Councilor Hargis inquired about the coat vouchers. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the numbers for the Leadership Grant last year. Councilor Taylor inquired about the process for acquiring a LIHEAP application. Councilor Buzzard voiced concerns for the cut to the youth grant. Ms. Lamb announced they are planning the design for the next blanket.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported the housing rehab program has assisted more families this year than ever. He offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a warehousing issue for water and sanitation supplies.

Councilor Vazquez inquired about the dates for the winterization program. Councilor Jordan inquired if the well truck carried parts or if there is an issue at the warehouse. Councilor Hargis requested information for the twenty-two incomplete emergency handicapped applications in Adair County. Councilor Taylor requested an update from Billy Hix on a waterline issue she had previously discussed with him. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the process for waiting on inspectors. Councilor Byrd gave appreciation to the quick response on the recent plumbing issue. Chair Lay inquired if the three new business items were all related.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper gave an update on the number they will be able to assist with the college housing program. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Native American Programs at HUD retired and Randy Acres is the interim. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the location of the college housing scholarships.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave updates on the current projects. The current reauthorization bill they are under has been extended to the 29th of October and it is expected to be extended to December. Councilor Buzzard inquired as to which bridge is closed on Kenwood road. He also inquired who received the contract on the Tenkiller road. Councilor Buzzard asked what the total impact of the Roads program in the State of Oklahoma.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She updated the report by stating they provided mortgage assistance to 156 families in fiscal year 2015. She announced a new mortgage rule went into effect which will slow down the loan closing process for banks and closing companies. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TMP-335** PRESENTATION - CHEROKEE NATION ANGEL PROJECT
Presented by Nikki Baker Limore and Rachel Fore

Ms. Baker Limore provided a packet of information regarding the Cherokee Angel Project and gave a brief overview. She provided a list of locations and dates for the applications. Chair Lay request the flyer of dates and locations be emailed to the Council members. Councilor Crittenden inquired what to do if you miss the date of your closest location.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-082](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$267,000 OF HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDING FOR FY 2015 TO MATCH THE ICDBG APPLICATION
Councilor Hargis moved to approve all 3 new business items in Toto. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Jordan requested to see the standards for housing rehab to be approved. Councilor Taylor inquired if we have had this grant before and the amount. She requested clarification on the calculation of the match amount. Councilor Byrd inquired why the rehab standards aren't referred to as Section 8 in the resolution if that is what they are. He voiced concern for last minute changes being brought to committee. Chair Lay requested a 5 minute break to allow the copies of the standards to be made. The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. Chair Lay called the meeting back to order at 4:06 p.m. Ms. Ashley Canoe provided some clarification on the questions raised. Councilor Baker offered a friendly amendment to add "of the HUD Section 8" to the title and body of the resolution regarding the adoption of the standards along with HUD or Section 8 where applicable. The standards have been emailed for distribution. Clarification was given on the match amount.
The motion to approve as amended in Toto carried with no opposition along with a request to move all to Full Council this evening.

2. [15-083](#) A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR Ch. IX (4-1-03 Edition) 1003.604 Citizen Participation
Approved in Toto with items 1 and 3.

3. [15-084](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING OF THE HUD SECTION 8 STANDARDS FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION
Approved in Toto with items 1 and 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:16 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Brandy Lemley</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Rachel Fore</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>
<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Tommy Wildcat</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Cooper

Teddye Snell

Janice Randall

Dianne Barker Harrold