



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, December 12, 2016

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 3 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

No one was present to report.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported the first quarter of NAHASDA funds have been requested. His staff has moved out of the HACN offices. Councilor Buzzard inquired if we have any prior year NAHASDA funds unexpended.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced their Housing Authority Counsel and former Speaker of this Council, Tina Glory Jordan, received National recognition as the National American

Indian Housing Counsel Lawyer of the Year. The Housing Rehab Construction offices have moved behind the model homes between Del Rancho and AmeriGas here in Tahlequah. He provided copies of the weatherization applications and gave a brief overview of the program details. He announced their offices will be closed next Tuesday for their annual staff development day. As of the end of November they had 247 employees with 95.5% Cherokee and 98.8% total Native American Employment. Councilor Anglen requested a follow up of a constituent. Councilor Warner inquired about the rental assistance program. Councilor Buzzard inquired about back doors on the low rental units in Jay. He also requested an update on the homes in West Siloam Springs.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the pending road projects. Councilor Crittenden inquired about Chewey Road and the Bell projects. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about Welling Road. Councilor Snell inquired about the distance of the Leach Kenwood overlay. Councilor Hatfield voiced concern where Facet road meets HWY 59. Councilor Hargis inquired about Malloy Hollow. Councilor Austin inquired about a stretch of road between 510 and 530 roads in Claremore. Chair Lay inquired if the Washington County Falley campground road was an IRR road.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. She gave an overview of the upcoming VITA tax preparation program.

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore reported the Federal BIA regulations went into effect which supports the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act. They are currently working on shooting a commercial with the five Chiefs and Governor in hopes to acquire more foster homes. Councilor Taylor inquired about the closing of foster homes. Ms. Limore gave an update on the two trainings they attended last week. Councilor Byrd commented on the program repeaters and the need for a database.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

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

With no one present from Human Services to address questions Councilor Walkingstick moved to table for a month. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Vazquez relayed a message for the Council to wear their red Christmas T-shirts tomorrow to serve.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:54 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>
<i>Chris Sams</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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