

Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, July 16, 2012

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Keener gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - David Thornton, Sr.; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr.; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 2 - Meredith Frailey and Jodie Fishinghawk

Late Arrival 2 - Buel Anglen and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the June 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported there may be some LIHEAP regulation changes coming forward. Councilor Byrd inquired about purchasing a propane company. Councilor Garvin inquired about the status of the LIHEAP blankets. Ms. Lamb announced Laurie Hand our Director of Child Services would be leaving September 22nd for another position.

3. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland announced the next Housing Authority board meeting will be held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. He reported the disclosures for the month. The deadline to apply for dorm assistance has been extended to July 31st.

2. Community Services - David Southerland

He provided updates on the Adult, Youth, Sports Teams and Livestock Grants. The COTTA Group has been hosting volunteers over the summer. Councilor Thornton inquired about the housing program at Redbird Smith. Councilor Garvin requested a status update on the 7 new homes in Ft. Gibson on the county line. Mr. Cooper provided a handout of the applications received for new home construction by county. Councilor Byrd asked about the water issues at Norwood and Braggs. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested notification be given to the Council if funds run low in the Youth, Adult, Livestock or Sport Teams programs. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if there were classes or activities for the elders in the housing sites. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the reports would be provided on the new housing program. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about legal issues for building homes on school property.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported the bill President Obama signed is good for Oklahoma tribes. The concerns of "Question 10" should be taken out of play with the passage of the transportation bill. The IRR Program is now referred to the Tribal Transit Program or TTP. He gave an overview of some of the changes within the transportation bill. He announced they would host a combined community meeting for the Bell North project and the North Salem project in Adair County at the Bell Community building on July 23rd. The Tenkiller School road right of way kickoff meeting will be held July 26th. A construction kickoff meeting will be held in Delaware County for the Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow project on the 9th of August. He provided an update on several of the construction projects and the transit program. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a monthly report of contractors, subcontractors and if they are TERO. Chair Lay inquired about the status of the Nowata and Washington County Transportation Grant.

- 5. Public Comments: Road Issues Michael Lynn
- 6. Commerce Housing Report Anna Knight

Ms. Knight commented she has the foreclosure information requested last month. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. <u>12-093</u>

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE POLICIES FOR THE TRACKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY YOUTH GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. After discussion was held the motion failed with the following roll call vote:

- Yea: 6 Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts
- Nay: 9 Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr.; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr.; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

NEW BUSINESS

1. <u>12-091</u>

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, OFFICE OF CHILD CARE FOR TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING GRANT PROGRAM

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. All Council members requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael LynnMarsha LambDianna TurtleBilly HixGary CooperDavid SoutherlandAnna KnightDiane KelleyDr. Neil Morton

VISITORS PRESENT:

Raymond Vann Larry Horn Ruth Ann Weaver
Dianne Barker Harrold Farrell Prater Ollie Starr

Patricia Carpenter