



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 14, 2010

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

Special Session

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 4 - Bradley Cobb; Chris Soap; Don Garvin and Jodie Fishinghawk

Late Arrival 3 - Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey and S. Joe Crittenden

1.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Mr. Marvin Jones gave an overview of the changes in process for the 2011 Indian Housing Plan. The NAHASDA Federal law changes by Congress essentially will wipe out all of the individual housing plans we currently have and roll them all into one plan that will carry over if not used. These changes are anticipated to take place this year. With each tribe having different fiscal years there are different start dates, ours is the 18th of July. The forms aren't yet complete therefore the process is going to be delayed. In the past a plan for the year was presented with a certain amount of dollars and this is how we plan to use those funds. The major change is that they want to know what you will expend from October 1 through September 30 of the following year. The plan this year will be using carryover money and will show zero dollars spent of the 2011 funds. If we go directly to this new process the proposal is that money which already has specified uses in previous IHP's and from previous appropriations will be used. They expect \$45,254,658 to be carried over from previous money. The biggest portion of this amount is the just over \$31ml received for the 2010 plan. They are estimating to receive the same amount of funding this year as last year. The estimated amount of NAHASDA funding to be expended

during the fiscal year are \$42,390,751. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a copy of the budget requests submitted by the programs for the use of NAHASDA funds and approved by Mr. Jones group. He stated 76.17% of the funds in the 2011 plan are funds approved a few months ago in the 2010 IHP and the 23.83% remaining is funds approved in the 2005 through 2009 IHP's or appropriations law. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired why we continue to purchase land. She suggested starting doing stuff with the land we already have. She further suggested doing a survey of the people to determine where they want to live before land is purchased. Mr. Jones stated the proposed carryover of \$5.6ml could be critical for fiscal year 2012 because the President has proposed the NAHASDA budget at 17% less for 2011 than received in 2010. If this budget goes through we could have \$5.1ml less in the 2011 fiscal year. We have almost a \$1ml less from the 2010 plan because of the UKB receiving funding. HUD is trying to take an additional \$1ml from us in the 2011 plan. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the Resolution for consideration today is simply to roll all figures from prior years in with what we expect to get for 2011 into one budget. Mr. Jones agreed. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if questions and concerns with the plan would be addressed at a different time. Mr. Jones stated the budget process is there to amend what has already been approved. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a summary of all lands that have been bought with NAHASDA funding and if any has been designated to a family at this point.

The motion for approval carried with Councilors Bill John Baker and Glory-Jordan opposed.

2. INDIAN HOUSING PLANS 2005 - 2008 (Discussion Only)

Mr. Jones stated the 2005, 2006 and 2007 plans are simply a reconciliation of what has already been passed in IHP amendments or by budget modifications. The 2008 plan is slightly different in that it contains a carryover amount for rental assistance in the amount of approximately \$600,000. This will become part of the un-earmarked money that can be used for another purpose.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Motion carried at 3:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Marvin Jones</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>
<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Kathy Nelson</i>	<i>Charlie Soap</i>
<i>Pat Gwin</i>	<i>Ashley Canoe</i>	<i>Norma Merriman</i>
<i>Mary James</i>	<i>Paula Ragsdale</i>	<i>Angela Drewes</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ollie Starr *Raymond Vann*