



# Council of Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes

### Community Services/Tribal Services Committee

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Tuesday, April 17, 2007

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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#### Call To Order

Chair Shotpouch called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

#### Invocation

Council member Yargee gave the invocation.

#### Roll Call

Councilman Bill John Baker read into the record a formal letter from Councilman Hoskin giving his resignation from this committee effective today. Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to accept the resignation. Councilman Keen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Present** 14 - Bill John Baker; Audra Smoke-Conner; S. Joe Crittenden; Jackie Bob Martin; David Thornton Sr. ; Phyllis Yargee; Don Garvin; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; Melvina Shotpouch; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Taylor Keen and Jack D. Baker

**Absent** 1 - John F. Keener

#### Approval of Minutes

Councilman Jack Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13th regular session. Council member Yargee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Reports

Councilman Keen made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution approving the submission of the amended fiscal year 2007 Indian housing plan to the U. S. department of housing and urban development. Councilman Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. Human Services Department  
Norma Merriman

Mr. Jerry Snell reported in the absence of Ms. Norma Merriman. Mr. Snell stated the food distribution program is a sponsor of the National program this year. The conference will be held June 9th through the 15th in San Antonio. They have taken in approximately 5200 disaster relief applications and have written approximately 4700 checks ranging from \$50.00 to \$500.00. The 4700 checks represented 18,000.00 individuals. They continue to have several hundred applications that they are unable to process. Council member O'Leary inquired if the UKB were helped. Mr. Snell stated if they had a CDIB card they were helped. Mr. Snell stated he is unsure of the final dollar amount expended. He stated they will hold a meeting next week with everyone who volunteered to determine what did and didn't work to be better prepared in case another situation arises. Council member O'Leary stated she would like to be part of this group when they meet.

2. Community Services  
Charlie Soap

Ms. Beverly Barr announced Mr. Charlie Soap is out of town and would provide a full report next month. If there are questions or concerns she would be happy to forward them to Mr. Soap.

3. Housing Authority  
David Southerland

Mr. David Southerland provided a handout of programs showing housing programs by county. The National Indian American Housing Council's annual conference begins the 21st of May in Denver. He asked for input regarding used mobile homes and the mortgage assistance program. He stated they were having mixed emotions regarding the value of a used mobile home versus a conventional home however realizes some people just can't afford a conventional home. Council member Cowan Watts stated she doesn't support the mobile home. Councilman Bill John Baker inquired where this person resided prior to the purchase of the used mobile home. Mr. Southerland stated she lived in the low rent apartments in Stilwell and never thought she could own a home. Chair Shotpouch expressed the best program was the affordable housing based on income. Council member O'Leary inquired what the Council could do to help the situation. Mr. Southerland stated part of the problem is some people are qualifying for approximately \$55,000.00 and houses are a lot more. If a home is found in this price range it is a lot older home and probably has lead based paint issues. In a situation like this a mobile home would be the better option. Councilman Martin agreed with the preference of a conventional home however the immediate needs of the family and what they can afford need to be considered.

## Old Business

*None.*

## **New Business**

1. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS, FOR EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES, AND PREVENTION AND DIVERSION SERVICES**

**Councilman Bill John Baker moved for the approval. Council member Yargee seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING POLICY AND ESTABLISHING A SET ASIDE FOR M&O CONTINGENCIES TO THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY BUILDING APPLICATION**

**This matter was Approved and Forwarded to Council**

3. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO ADMINISTER A GRANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES TO BUILD COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AS SELF-HELP PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCT THE KENWOOD WATER PROJECT**

**This matter was Approved and Forwarded to Council**

4. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO ADMINISTER A GRANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

**This matter was Approved and Forwarded to Council**

5. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, FOR A PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE) PROJECT**

**This matter was Approved and Forwarded to Council**

6. **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2007 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**This matter was Approved and Forwarded to Council**

## **Announcements**

**Chair Shotpouch announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 15th of May.**

### Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried at 2:48 p.m.

### Approval / Distribution

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes attested and concurred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Staff Present

David Pruitt	Denise Honowa	John Ross
Linda Vann	Ben Phillips	Velva Gifford
Jerry Snell	Rick Gassaway	Travis Snell
Darlene Foreman	Don Greenfeather	Willard Mounce
Beverly Barr		

### Visitors Present

David Southerland	Jim Ketcher
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