



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

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Monday, April 16, 2012

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Chair Lay announced he and Ms. Lamb have spoken and during the last meeting she had stated the Nowata clinic would be delayed in opening and it is actually the Nowata nutrition center. Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb provided a handout of the schedules for the clothing voucher distribution a lengthy discussion followed. Questions were asked about possible budget cuts that would affect our food distribution programs. Mr. Jerry Snell announced the National Food Distribution Conference will be held in June at Niagara Falls and if any major budget cuts are anticipated it will be one of the key issues discussed. He extended an invitation the Council to attend the conference. Ms. Lamb announced the doors and windows for the Veterans center are on back order. Once the doors and windows are in it will trigger the portion of the project that is volunteer only. She stated she would send out the dates for the Nowata nutrition center open house. The Collinsville project will go out for re-bid. Ms. Lamb handed out a different reporting format and requested the Council review and provide feedback.*

2. Community Services - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland read the housing disclosures for the month. He announced the next Housing Authority Board meeting is tomorrow at noon in the Allene Hogner conference room. They received 43 Community Works Grant applications and have funded 11 of those. They are currently in the process of assessing the existing community buildings. The model homes are complete. The bids are due tomorrow on the 7 new homes in Muskogee County with bids beginning in other areas shortly. They received notice last week from I.H.S. they will receive a \$355,000 cut and will be requesting an adjustment with the carry over funds. Some funds have also been requested to be placed in the Community Youth and Adult funds after revisions were made to the policy by the work group. He stated he hoped to get the 2013 Indian Housing Plan to the committee by the end of the month.*

*Mr. Michael Lynn provided a handout on road project updates. Mr. Southerland reported the Barber Road in Cherokee County is approximately 50% complete, the construction should begin in mid-May on the Cedar Crest Bridge in Mayes County, the construction on the Lee Creek/Bradley Ford Bridge in Sequoyah County should begin soon with a completion date of the first of October, construction on the Cedar Crest Road in Mayes County should begin shortly following the pre-construction meeting this week, the Shady Grove road in Cherokee County is currently out to bid and the Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow road should be out to bid in the near future.*

*Councilor Fishinghawk announced the Cherry Tree Water Board has reported numerous leaks all through the Cherry Tree addition. She inquired about possibilities to fix the leaks. Councilor Watts disclosed her husband owns Tulsa Pier Drilling and is a subcontractor and often a sub of a sub, she commented she has turned in a request to the Attorney General to see if there is additional documentation she would need to complete per the Sunshine Act. Councilor Cowan Watts questioned the disbursement of funds through the Community Youth Grants. She made an agenda request for next month for discussion to have the funds equitably disbursed through the districts. She inquired about a survey that was handed out at a community meeting as to its intent with list of personal information requested. Councilor Cowan Watts asked several questions regarding the new housing program and the Housing Authority. Councilor Baker inquired about COTTA hosting a meeting in Texas next month for the Texas community groups. Both At Large Councilors Coates and Baker voiced concern for not knowing about this community meeting or being consulted in the plans. Councilor Coates inquired about the two At Large Community Liaisons and requested the advertisement for the positions.*

3. Housing Services - David Southerland

*See the Community Service Report above.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn announced Mr. Southerland covered most of his report and announced the handout provided was in response to questions last month regarding previous contracts and if those were TERO contractors and sub-contractors. Councilor Glory-Jordan raised question about the fencing on the Honey Hill project. Councilor Thornton requested a list of the contractors selected for the building of the new homes.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates inquired about the 184 Loan issue in Texas with HUD. Ms. Knight commented she would follow up and provide a response.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-058](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RURAL AREA POST OFFICES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND THE USPS TULSA PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. All Council members requested to be included as sponsors. Councilor Cowan Watts offered a friendly amendment to add a whereas section “that it is critical for the Cherokee Nation to preserve our heritage, culture and language by maintaining historical communities; and”. The friendly amendment was accepted. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested the Tulsa Distribution Center also be included even though it isn’t within our jurisdiction. This friendly amendment was also accepted. The motion to approve carried.**

*Councilor Cowan Watts requested the amend the agenda to add a new business item #6 a discussion item to urge the Housing Authority to make the Senior Housing facilities smoke free. Chair Lay requested it wait until next month.*
2. [12-059](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Chair Lay requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried and requested to move to full Council tonight.**
3. [12-060](#) A RESOLUTION OF CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR A RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Chair Lay requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried and requested to move to full Council tonight.**
4. [12-061](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO THE DHHS, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM, FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve and send to full Council tonight. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Keener requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**

5. [12-062](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS, FOR EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES, AND PREVENTION AND DIVERSION SERVICES

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve and forward to full Council tonight. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Councilor Keener requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Lay announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>David Southerland</i>	<i>Darryl Legg</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Jerry Snell</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Kara Whitworth</i>
<i>Michelle Locust</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Linda Vann</i>		

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Flo Guthrie</i>
<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>	