



# 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, May 13, 2013

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 10 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Frankie Hargis

**Late Arrival** 7 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 22, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb announced they will have the Home Visiting Grant State Representatives on site at the Child Development Center next week. A USDA Evaluation Team is on site today for a meeting. The CDC new building is on schedule. The Collinsville site is progressing. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about plans for expanding the Collinsville site. She inquired if the Tulsa/Rogers County elder advocate had been hired. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if any of her programs are out of funding at this time. Councilor Keener requested notification if they had difficulty locating a place to distribute the clothing vouchers in Rogers County. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the possibility of expansion plans for Nowata.*

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

*Mr. Cooper announced Mr. Qualls is under the weather and was asked to fill in. He announced the 2014 Indian Housing Plan is prepared and inquired if a work group had been formed. The Community Service Department has begun placing all client applications on the Cherokee Nation website. He offered to take questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates inquired if Ms. Karen Ketcher could provide a schedule of the annual community meetings. Chair Lay requested Ms. Tamera Copeland and Karen Ketcher provide an update on the community buildings and their insurance issues. Ms. Copeland and Ms. Ketcher provided a handout of the community buildings currently insured by the tribe. They provided details of the insurance coverage. Councilor Keener inquired about Rogers County Cherokee Association being self-insured. Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered a correction to the list as South Coffeyville (Northern Outpost) should be Native American Fellowship Incorporated. He requested some clarification on the cost of the insurance to the groups and the coverage provided and what is excluded. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested by next month a report of those who have chosen to be self-insured has the Cherokee Nation put any money into the building and if it is on Cherokee Nation land. Chair Lay requested they report again next month. Councilor Fullbright questioned Evening Shade not being included on the list provided. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested they reach out to the Lost City Community Building. Chair Lay requested the list be updated to include ownership information.*

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Councilor Anglen inquired about a disabled Veteran being turned down for homeownership and inquired if there were other options. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the number of new homes built at this point and their locations as well as the locations of the homes being built next. Councilor Keener inquired if they are looking at land in Chelsea for new homes. Mr. Cooper offered to answer questions from the report he provided. Councilor Hargis inquired about the status of a housing addition in Stilwell. She also inquired about restrictions pertaining to felonies.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from his report. Councilor Hargis inquired about the status of the housing addition in Stilwell. She inquired as to the status of the Malloy Hollow Road. Councilor Fullbright inquired about the road in downtown Nicutt to the Bradley Ford Bridge. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the status of the bridge over the turnpike near the Vinita clinic. Councilor Garvin requested a status update on Texana Road. Councilor Thornton inquired about Dwight Mission road North to 64 Highway and also inquired about Moonshine Road and the roads within Sallisaw Creek Park. Mr. Lynn gave an update on the 10 roads that will be coming before the Council next month. Councilor Fishinghawk requested they review the entries to the clinics at Jay, Hastings and Ochelata. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the Ross Road project would in any way hinder the hospital renovations. Councilor Garvin commented they are shutting down the HWY 64 bridge at Gore, he inquired as to how long it would be shut down. Councilor Thornton inquired as to the funding amount each Councilor will receive in Motor Fuels Tax, Special Bridge funds, and Motor Vehicle Tax.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Shay Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided. She pointed out on the second page of the report the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program information is included. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report for each year of the families on MAP who have been housed.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-258](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HOUSING FOR ALL CHEROKEES IN ALL AREAS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to table one month at the request of Chair Lay. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [TMP-259](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: POSSIBLE POLICY CHANGES TO THE BALL TEAM AND LIVESTOCK GRANTS  
*Councilor Glory-Jordan stated a resolution has been provided. She gave an overview of the issues with the program as it is currently. The resolution would allow these programs to come under the supervision and control of the Council. Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification as to the process. Councilor Thornton voiced concern for the funds not to be distributed evenly within the districts. Councilor Keener requested clarification between this item and new business item 2.*  
**Councilor Glory-Jordan stated her motion would be to table this old business item for one month and move forward with the new business item. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion to table this item. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-068](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING FOR BRIDGE #108 OVER MURPHY CREEK, MAYES COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
**Councilor Frailey moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [13-070](#) A RESOLUTION CREATING OVERSIGHT AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL OF FUNDS FOR YOUTH SPORTS AND COUNTY LIVESTOCK AUCTION ACTIVITIES BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
**Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to approve and move forward to Council this evening. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Councilor Keener requested clarification as to what was being voted on as it states on the agenda an Act but a resolution was handed out. Councilor Glory-Jordan gave clarification it is the resolution provided today. All Councilors with the exception of Councilor Coates requested to be included as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:06 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Marsha Lamb  
Michael Lynn  
Billy Hix  
Karen Ketcher*

*Elizabeth Odell  
David Pruitt  
Bruce Davis  
Shay Smith*

*Terrisa Muskrat  
Tamera Copeland  
Robert Garcia  
Courtney Roark Thompson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Raymond Vann*