



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, January 13, 2020

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve the December minutes as submitted.
Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Jennifer Kirby offered to answer questions from the report in the absence of Ms. Lamb. Councilor Nofire gave appreciation for the quick response following the recent tornado in the Keys area.

Community Services/ Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave highlights from the reports provided. He commented on the Community Youth and Adult Development staff and activities, he encouraged the Council to attend one of the activities. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for a non-TERO vendor receiving a water and sanitation bid over a TERO vendor. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the funding for a Washington county road project referred to in the report. He requested the reports show the total dollar amount spent on water lines, water plants, storage tanks, etc.

Councilor Smith requested a timeline on the Dwight Mission road. Councilor Byrd requested a report of TERO vendors who have been with us over a year and have not received a bid. Councilor Deere inquired if the new road construction places the electric lines overhead or in ground.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Ms. Erna Reeves reported in the absence of Mr. Cooper. She reminded everyone the housing assistance applications are due by the 17th. The National HUD Conference is February 4th through the 6th in Denver and the National American Indian Housing Council will be in Washington D.C. February 24th through the 26th. She reported on the new construction of elderly rentals in Tahlequah and Hulbert. Councilor Byrd inquired about the rental cost of the elderly homes. Councilor Crittenden inquired how to get some of the elderly rentals in other districts. He also inquired about the process for a replacement home. Clarification was given between the difference of a rehab and a replacement. Councilor Byrd commented the elderly need to be assisted with their repairs as soon as possible whether it is TERO or not. Councilor Nofire requested a report showing the percentage of backlog by district. He inquired about a temporary hiring process to assist in clearing the backlog.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported in the absence of Ms. Knight. She apologized the "the more you know" section of the report has the same information as last month. She commented on side gig income, which should have been in the report. January 31st is earn income tax credit awareness day and they will be hosting a come and go workshop in Tahlequah, Grove and Jay. Ms. Smith highlighted the I-Save Program where you can earn up to \$3,000 for rehab of privately owned homes.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Crittenden reported on the color guard issues, the need for expansion of the Veteran's Center, and gave an update on the Cherokee National Cemetery. Their Valentine celebration will be held on February 13th. March 27th is National Vietnam Veterans Day. Councilor Byrd commented it is a lot to ask of the volunteer color guard to travel and attend the many activities, he requested consideration be given for a stipend for food and gas. Secretary Crittenden announced the U.S. Navy Ship the "Cherokee Nation" will be dedicated in New Orleans on the 12th of February. Councilor Dobbins suggested the stipend for the color guard include reimbursement for time. Councilor Shaw inquired about the age of our Veterans program. Councilor Nofire inquired if they work with other agencies in regard to the veterans and activities. Secretary Crittenden reported the veterans to award with the Cherokee Warrior award is slim and requested assistance in getting the word out. The contact information for the Veterans Center is 918-772-4166 or veterans@cherokee.org.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Duncan made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution pertaining to an invasive species grant. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 1. [20-002](#) A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Dobbins requested to be added as a sponsor.

- 2. [20-003](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2020 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilors Vazquez and Dobbins requested to be added as sponsors.

- 3. [20-004](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - INVASIVE SPECIES (IS) PROGRAM

Councilor Duncan moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:16 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>	<i>David Justice</i>
<i>Ethan Green</i>	<i>Andy Quetone</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Lane Kindle</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Erna Reeves</i>
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