



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Tuesday, January 16, 2018

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - Harley Buzzard and Mike Dobbins

Late Arrival 1 - Bryan Warner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb showed everyone a sample of the 2018 LIHEAP blanket. They are gearing up for their second payment of the year to the participants of the Elders in Need Program. LIHEAP is now open to all ages for a short time. She reported it is difficult for the staff to go out of the office to do the applications for those special cases. Councilor Crittenden inquired if Cherokee First is accepting applications for the youth. Councilor Byrd inquired about pellet stoves.

Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions for Mr. Qualls. Councilor Taylor inquired about the Snake Creek/Iron Post water sampling.

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the construction projects. Councilor Crittenden requested additional information on the Oakridge project in Adair County.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the HUD VASH Program. He touched on updates in regard to the reauthorization bill for NAHASDA. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Byrd asked about the current Executive Director of Native American Programs at HUD. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the Section 184 Program. Councilor Walkingstick inquired how we could build more homes. Councilor Byrd inquired if we are maximizing the Section 184 loan program. Chair Lay inquired if the HACN is limited by staff as to the number of these loans we acquire.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She provided some clarifications on the Section 184 loan from their department. Councilor Byrd requested a short overview in writing or as a presentation on the 184 loan program. Ms. Smith reported the Income Tax Assistance Program starts February 5th.

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd requested clarification and direction for the process when receiving calls in regard to ICW.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Ms. Tammy Dry reported in the absence of Mr. Daugherty.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Austin made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Baker Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:53 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Lamb

Billy Hix

Michael Lynn

Willard Mounce

Courtney Jordan

Tammy Dry

Nikki Limore

Shay Smith

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Cooper

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad