



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, April 22, 2013

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Lay called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Frankie Hargis

Late Arrival 3 - Tina Glory Jordan; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the March 11, 2013 minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Lay request condensed reports due to the lengthy agenda.

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb announced there are two major conferences coming up in the next couple of months, The National LIHEAP Conference in San Diego and The National Food Distribution Conference in Denver. Information regarding the conferences has been given to your staff. She requested Ms. Dianne Barker Harrold provide an update on the One Fire Victims Task Force established in the memory of former Secretary of State Charles L. Head. She announced an open house would be held on the 30th at 10:00 a.m. downtown in the Cort Mall. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a copy of the programs flyer and a map showing locations of other shelters in partnership with their addresses, contact information and hours. The announced the task force meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the complex. Councilor Baker announced the Women's Shelter in Oklahoma City wants to partner with the Cherokee Nation. Ms.

Lamb offered to answer questions pertaining to her report. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about budget cuts due to the sequestration. She requested clarification on some numbers provided in the report. She further inquired if the elder advocate had been hired for Rogers and Tulsa Counties.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Billy Hix offered to answer questions in the absence of Mr. Qualls.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided an update to the sequestration budget cuts anticipated to the Indian Housing Block Grant. He provided a status update on the new housing program. Councilor Glory-Jordan suggested forming a work group for the block grant Indian housing plan. Councilor Hargis inquired if they have stopped taking application for new homes. Councilor Byrd inquired as to the process to notify applicants of their status. Councilor Thornton inquired about the status of purchasing property in Marble City.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported two active construction projects were impacted severally by the significant amount of rain received on the 17th and they are now in the process of determining what to do to bring them back to their condition prior to the rains. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Walkingstick requested a representative from the Roads Department attend the community meeting at Dry Creek. He requested an update on the waterline at Dry Creek as well. Councilor Thornton requested a meeting be set up with himself, Mr. Lynn and the Sequoyah County Commissioners. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the budget impact in regard to sequestration. She gave appreciation for the flashing lights at Will Rogers Downs. She also requested the on demand ride policy for the transit program be provided.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they finished the volunteer tax returns and were able to assist 1,200 hundred people. She provided an update on the HUD 184 home loans in regard to the number of Cherokee loans. They are in the process of developing a foreclosure workshop to assist families. Several questions were asked about assisting families in foreclosure.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-055](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO THE U.S. FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU, RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting this evening. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [13-056](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO THE U.S. DHHS, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM, FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

Councilor Hargis moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [13-057](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Councilor Byrd moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. [TMP-259](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: POSSIBLE POLICY CHANGES TO THE BALL TEAM AND LIVESTOCK GRANTS

Councilor Glory-Jordan stated there is trouble with the ball teams being able to successfully apply for the funding and the livestock funding may possibly need the policy adjusted to a tier process. She stated she is currently working with Councilor Attorney Barker Harrold to develop a resolution to this effect.

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. [TMP-258](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HOUSING FOR ALL CHEROKEES IN ALL AREAS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

Chair Lay commented there aren't any homes being built in his area up north and inquired how that was going to be corrected. Mr. Gary Cooper provided an update on the applications they are processing and that they were in every county of the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the process if they wish to build more than one home in an area to maintain lower cost and if there is one family application ready with land but others aren't, does that family wait. Chair Lay inquired about the process for the land if a probate is needed. He also requested someone specifically be assigned to their area to review the files and get some homes built. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired where the houses that have been built are located by county. They requested notification when houses are beginning to be built in their area with finding directions. Councilor Anglen inquired about the property we own in Collinsville.

Councilor Thornton moved to table until next month. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of Mr. John Masters home as it was hit by the tornado recently.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:35 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Terrisa Muskrat</i>	<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>
<i>Linda Vann</i>	<i>Tamera Copeland</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>David Moore</i>
<i>Courtney Roark Thompson</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Charles Dry</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Farrel Prater</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>		