



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Harley Buzzard, Chair*

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Monday, June 20, 2011

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Soap gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Chuck Hoskin Jr. was present but doesn't serve on this committee.*

**Present** 10 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

**Absent** 3 - Bradley Cobb; Janelle Fullbright and Jodie Fishinghawk

**Late Arrival** 3 - Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton Sr. and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Anglen moved to approve the May 17, 2011 regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Councilor Garvin moved to approve the May 26th reconvened session minutes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norma Merriman

*No one was present to report.*

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

*Ms. Beverly Barr offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired how many self-help homes had been framed since January. Ms.*

*Barr stated she would obtain the information and provide it to the Council staff for distribution. Councilor Crittenden inquired about a SIP home package just sitting for a long period of time in the Kenwood area. Ms. Barr stated she would inquire and provide a response. They were made aware of some panels approximately a year ago in that area but discovered they didn't belong to the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Glory-Jordan stated several Councilors have received an email from a lady whose survey was performed on the wrong acre and requested a status update.*

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

*Mr. Southerland gave the monthly disclosures. He announced a board meeting is scheduled next Tuesday at noon upon the approval of the two board nominees this evening at the Council meeting. Chair Buzzard inquired about abandoned homes in cluster sights and if covenants were in effect. Mr. Southerland stated in the older additions it is up to the other homeowners in the addition to take the initiative to force someone to take care of the property. In the newer additions where the Housing Authority still has a majority of the properties they can generally apply the force. Chair Buzzard inquired if we have the ability to repurchase the abandon homes. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about the Title VI subsidy. Mr. Southerland stated it was placed in a line item in the FY2012 IHP to be recognized. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if a family has been identified for the home in South Coffeyville. Mr. Southerland stated a family has been identified. He also reported the two lots in Nowata have been requested by two families using self-help.*

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-079](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) TO UPDATE THE NATION'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF NINE (9) PROJECTS TO THE LIST OF CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES FOR INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS FUNDING  
*Councilor Snell requested maps be provided showing the nine additional roads. Chair Buzzard request those maps be provided to the entire committee.*  
**Councilor Soap moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The entire committee requested to be sponsors of this resolution. The motion to approve carried.**

2. [11-080](#) 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 Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors Bill John Baker, Glory-Jordan and Crittenden requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

3. [TMP-175](#) DISCUSSION ON FELONS BEING ELIGIBLE FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE (DISCUSSION ONLY)

*Chair Buzzard stated he has reviewed the policy regarding felons in our housing and does agree it is a good policy but would like to see a classification system regarding the felons instead of just not accommodating any felon. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested the numbers be provided as to how many felons request assistance and the outcome. Mr. Southerland stated the issue is if there is a hazard or danger to the community or neighbors. They have become a lot more liberal with the situations recently. He stated the computer system they have now allows them to keep track of this type of status/issue. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the tracking include the type of felon, how long ago did the felony occur, and she also questioned re-entry issues. She requested a follow up report at the next committee meeting.*

**Presented**

4. [TMP-176](#) ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

*Chair Buzzard stated he requested this item to discuss the fencing contracts within the roads projects. He inquired if those could be bid separately to allow TERO vendors a chance to bid. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there was anything in the policy that would keep them from being able to separate out the bids. She stated contractors should be using TERO preference with their sub contractors. Mr. Lynn stated he isn't aware of anything that would preclude them and they could if it is the desire. He voiced concerns for the smaller companies to meet the bonding requirements, timing in regard to right of way clearing and equipment needed and third the ability to coordinate between the construction contractors and the fencing contractors. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the base contracts have been modified to include provisions where we are assured that TERO will be followed both in subcontracting and hiring. Mr. Lynn stated the contracts are in the process of being modified and does have this suggested language. He stated the existing contracts do have TERO requirements. Councilor Glory-Jordan suggested the contracts mirror the States where they require a percentage to go to TERO contractors. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report back next month.*

**Presented**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:58 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

*Beverly Barr  
Anna Knight*

*Lita Maupin  
Michael Lynn*

*David Southerland  
Sandy Long*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Charles Dry*

*Todd Hembree*