



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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Monday, September 14, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The six newly elected and the two re-elected Councilors confirmed their membership to this committee.

Present 14 - Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 2 - Harley Buzzard and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the August 10th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb gave a report of their Cherokee Holiday activities and the Veteran's Center open house. She commented they are going to go in the outlying areas and visit some veterans who are unable to travel here to the Veteran's Center. The elder fund days was held for the first time at the Sequoyah High School gym. They are finalizing the details of this year's Veteran Warrior's trip to Washington D. C. Councilor Buzzard inquired about winter coats. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the savings account program. Councilor Crittenden requested information on the Bright Futures program. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the Healing to Wellness grant.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported they recently submitted the IHP for 2016 and HUD has completed their initial review. They anticipate the findings of the recently completed NAHASDA program review by HUD within the next sixty days. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired about the water loss survey in Locust Grove. She also requested clarification on the water applications that are assigned to the force pay account crew. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the number of current rehab sites. He also inquired about the in-office process when a rehab application is received. Councilor Vazquez inquired how performs the EEFOC site evaluations. Councilor Garvin inquired about mold inspections. Chair Lay voiced concern for the process and requested to meet after the meeting to discuss an individual situation.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the college housing program and the recent applications submitted. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired how many homes have been built to date. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the college housing program. He also inquired about the process for the homes being built by CNB in West Siloam Springs. Councilor Anglen inquired about the status of home demolition in Skiatook. Councilor Austin inquired if the homes in Chelsea are all taken. Councilor Warner inquired about the status of the homes in Marble City.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the active projects. Councilor Hargis inquired about the start date for Malloy Hollow. Councilor Snell requested a status update for the Adair/Delaware county road where the commissioner only asphalted one side of the road. Councilor Garvin inquired about signage on a recently completed road. Councilor Byrd requested an appraisal for chip and seal on the Johnson Prairie road. Chair Lay inquired about the Ochelata clinic turnoff.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight gave a few highlights from the report provided. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the length of the trainings provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of MAP families assisted per year. He also requested clarification on the foreclosures mentioned in the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-076](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with the request to move to Council this evening.

2. [15-077](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY16 FUNDING FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.

3. [TMP-335](#) PRESENTATION - CHEROKEE NATION ANGEL PROJECT
Presented by Nikki Baker Limore and Rachel Fore

Chair Lay tabled this item at the request of the program for one month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:21 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Chief Bill John Baker</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Phyllis Lay</i>
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