



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, February 16, 2016

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the January 11th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported on the process for increasing the burial assistance funding from the BIA. Councilor Byrd requested a list of the funeral homes where we currently have contracts. Mr. Jerry Snell gave a brief history of the burial program. He commented a support letter from the Council would help with the waiver needed to increase the funds. Councilor Walkingstick inquired how much of an increase the funeral homes are requesting. He also inquired about the funding spent on the program annually. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the community youth grant funding.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. David Pruitt reported in the absence of Mr. Qualls. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested direction on a specific citizen's situation.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced they received notification on Friday of the receipt of an ICDGB Grant for rehabs for elders in the amount of \$800,000. He announced they would be bringing forward an amendment to the Indian Housing Plan to reflect the HUD VASH program for veterans. He discussed the President's budget which was recently released. Mr. Cooper provided an update on the status of the HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs. Councilor Garvin inquired about expanding the Section 184 loan service area. Councilor Byrd inquired about the number of homes currently built. He requested an update on the transfer of the rehab employees to the Housing Authority from the Cherokee Nation.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd requested an appraisal for a chip and seal on the Johnson Prairie road.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-339](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STORM SHELTERS FOR CHEROKEE NATION SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENTS, ALL OTHER CHEROKEE NATION APARTMENTS, CHEROKEE NATION CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND OTHER CHEROKEE NATION FACILITIES.

Chair Lay stated pictures of shelters have been emailed for review and requested this be considered at the next budget cycle. He requested to withdraw this item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*David Pruitt
Willard Mounce*

*Jerry Snell
Michael Lynn*

*Marsha Lamb
Courtney Jordan*

Anna Knight *Canaan Duncan* *Billy Hix*
Todd Hembree *Diane Kelley* *Bill John Baker*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold *Teddye Snell* *Gary Cooper*