



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, May 15, 2017

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen and Keith Austin

Late Arrival 5 - Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Bryan Warner and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the April 10th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions regarding her report or the recent email pertaining to the hold on the NAHASDA funds for emergency assistance. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the hold on the funding.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls announced they are currently working on their 2018 program budgets. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if they have ever considered a town hall type meeting to obtain a needs assessment from the people. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the Delaware RWD11. He also requested clarification on the water sampling at Snake Creek.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported their NAHASDA funding this year will be at the same level as last year. They are awaiting the 2018 budget numbers before they can submit the Indian Housing Plan. He provided an update on the new homeless program for Vets – VASH. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on spending additional funds for someone who has already received assistance. He requested an overview of the organization flow chart as to who and or what qualifies for assistance.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on their active road projects. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the industrial park in Jay and the Piney Bridge.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported on the volunteer income tax preparation assistance program. They are scheduling a home buyers fair in Roland. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore announced it is Foster Care Awareness month. Tomorrow they are having a foster care awareness walk at the One Fire Field. The Title 4E Reviewers will be onsite for a visit tomorrow. They are working on a mini reorganization to include a few new positions allowed by the grant. Councilor Taylor inquired about training for the CASA workers who are working with our ICWA tribal children. Councilor Byrd inquired about the recent fundraiser for One Fire. Councilor Hatfield requested clarification on some of the abbreviations in the report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-345](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE COAT AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

Councilor Walkingstick announced he hasn't received an update from Treasurer Horn in regard to getting cards with restrictions through the Bank of America.

Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to table. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:50 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chris Sams</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>
<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>J.B. Wildcat</i>
<i>Sylvia Wildcat</i>		