



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, March 16, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

Late Arrival 5 - Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the February 26th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reminded everyone of the upcoming Veteran's Warriors trip to DC in September. She provided handouts of information regarding the Community Leadership program for youth and elders offered at Cherokee First. Councilor Keener inquired about the elder advocate for Rogers County.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls provided an update on their 2015 funding. Councilor Buzzard inquired when the IHS funds would be received for the environmental health programs. Councilor Taylor inquired about the process for incomplete applications for Community Service programs. Councilor Glory Jordan requested a report showing a

breakdown of incomplete applications, those who have been contacted for that information and if there has been a response. Chair Lay requested the rebabs be broken down by district. Councilor Glory Jordan requested a map of water and sanitation served by district and pending by district, she further requested the same information be provided for rehab in map form. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the aerobic systems versus the traditional system. After discussion was held regarding the length of time given to contractors to do the water and sanitation, a consensus of the Council was to shorten the length of time to thirty (30) days with a five (5) day extension for weather purposes beginning immediately with the next contract.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the NAHASDA reauthorization. They have begun taking college housing applications once again. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the number of homes being built. He inquired about the ten homes being built in Chelsea. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about looking into storm shelters being built in the same areas of the new home builds. Councilor Keener inquired about storm shelters for the elderly housing.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on their pending projects and offered to answer questions from the report provided.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She provided an update on the VITA tax preparation program. She gave information requested last month regarding the average mortgage payment and debt to income ratio for the Mortgage Assistance Program. Councilor Coates requested clarification on the foreclosure rates of the MAP participants. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the vacant homes in Starr Addition in Jay and the ability to obtain them.

Councilor Buzzard requested the bridge funding be on the agenda next month for discussion to determine if it was resolution or policy that reduced the amount from \$15,000 to \$7,500.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-034](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY 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 Vazquez seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:24 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Chris Sams</i>
<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Lisa Trice Turtle</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Ryan Hembree</i>
<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>Molly Jarvis</i>
<i>CN Youth Council</i>		