



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Daryl Legg, Chair

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Monday, December 16, 2024

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Legg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell ; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Kirby reported they would accept applications for LIHEAP in all Human Services offices through December 31st. The Angel Tree payments are going out, over 2,200 angels have been approve this year. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the contact information for LIHEAP.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave highlights from the report. He provided an update on the public restroom project. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor McGeady requested an update on the S.E. Vinita water and sewer project. Councilor Deere inquired if we do a equal split with the State on the bridge projects. He commented on the current grading of the bridges from best to worst. Councilor Callison gave appreciation for the help on a water and sewer issue.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Todd Enlow

Mr. Enlow gave highlights from the report including current participant numbers. The Housing Plan 3.0 must be presented to the Council by the end of the year. They are winding down on the ARPA funding. They received ICBG funding for a North Tulsa rental project. He provided an update on the housing additions in Ochelata, Sallisaw, Jay and Collinsville. An update was given on the Mige Glory addition and Autumn Woods addition. He reported on the paving of the parking lot at the Claremore Elders Unit. He took a moment to recognize their employee of the year, Candice Fagen. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shotpouch requested clarification on college rental assistance for the second semester. Councilor Callison gave appreciation for the number of homes that have been built. Chair Legg stated he was impressed with the new homes.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

24-112

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHEROKEE CONNECT, A PROJECT TO EXPAND RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET SERVICES IN CHEROKEE COMMUNITIES

All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.

Councilor Sam moved to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:23 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Leah Duncan

Todd Enlow

Adam McCreary

Jennifer Kirby

Brooke Neff

Kim Teehee

Michael Lynn

Canaan Duncan

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddy Snell