



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Harley Buzzard, Chair

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Tuesday, February 16, 2010

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Chuck Hoskin Jr. was present but doesn't serve on this committee.

Present 14 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey;
Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk;
Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley
Cobb and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Don Garvin and Cara Cowan Watts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton made a motion to approve the January 12, 2010 regular session minutes. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norma Merriman

Ms. Merriman offered to answer questions from her report. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if emergency assistance had been suspended. Ms. Merriman replied the LIHEAP Crisis program had been suspended but will begin again within the next couple of weeks. Councilor Soap inquired how they are addressing the needs of the food pantries throughout the Cherokee Nation. Ms. Merriman commented it has been difficult locating all of the pantries. They have decided to focus mainly on the 501C-3 pantries. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if Ms. Merriman's group is administering the backpack nutrition program. Ms. Merriman stated she had not been working with the program. Councilor Hoskin inquired as to who would be the

contact for the funds set aside for this program during the budget hearings. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the nutrition programs funded at \$2,000 each had all been identified and disbursed. Ms. Merriman commented she would review the issue and report back. Ms. Merriman provided a handout regarding the National Association of Food Distribution Programs conference in Las Vegas. Councilor Fishinghawk voiced concern for the nutrition sites not receiving their funds when the funds were appropriated four months ago. Ms. Knight commented she would research the issue and report back.

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

Mr. Soap offered to answer questions from his report. Chair Buzzard requested the names of the 18 funded community buildings referred to in the report be provided to the Council by email. Mr. Soap announced during the monthly employee luncheon this Thursday the Veteran's would be honored. Councilor Fishinghawk commented \$2,000 per community building had been appropriated during the budget cycle. She requested Mr. Soap research to see if they are getting their funding.

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Barry Hood offered to answer questions from the Roads report. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if Glover is TERO certified. Mr. Hood commented they are not and is unsure of the sub contractors.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Gary Cooper announced the next board meeting will be held next Tuesday at noon. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested Mr. Southerland be made aware the City of Nowata wants to donate land to the Cherokee Nation for housing purposes. Mr. Cooper announced some public disclosures as they are required under Federal law and Tribal policy. Councilor Snell inquired about the status of the housing addition streets. Mr. Cooper they are in the process of using the remaining funds at this time. Some of these funds will be used in Little Kansas. Councilor Thornton inquired as to the number of houses and the type of house in the Red Bird Housing addition. Mr. Charlie Soap commented no more than fifteen homes and they would be panel home using Stimulus funding.

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from her written report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2008 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN RELATED TO ARRA/STIMULUS FUNDING
Mr. Marvin Jones handed out an amendment to the attachment for the 2008 IHP. He

commented Pat Gwin in Natural Resources is handling the land in Nowata referred to earlier. Councilor Thornton inquired if the Marshal Service is still being funded in the IHP. Mr. Jones stated the Marshal Service is still included in the IHP, they are still expending funds and they are working to satisfy HUD. Mr. Jones commented this revision only covers the Stimulus funding.

A motion was made by Councilor Jack D. Baker and seconded by Councilor Cara Cowan Watts, that this matter be Approved and Forwarded to Council to the TRIBAL COUNCIL, due back on 3/15/2010. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Buzzard requested Mr. Jones keep him updated on the IHP and any changes as they may need to schedule a work group meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried at 1:58 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Doug Evans

Norma Merriman

Marvin Jones

Barry Hood

Ashley Canoe

Anna Knight

Melanie Knight

Gary Cooper

Charlie Soap

Gregg Simmons

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Hembree