



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Community Services Committee

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

9:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Bill John Baker; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell and Chris Soap

Absent 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Bradley Cobb

Late Arrival 5 - S. Joe Crittenden; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the June 16, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norman Merriman

Mr. Snell commented the School Voucher Program issued 2,000 vouchers. He thanked the Council for issuing water for the participants that helped at the sites. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a breakdown of how many participants for each county. Also, she requested next year look into the free lunch program for the kids that come to the school voucher program. Mr. Snell announced they have started the summer cooling program for the elderly and disabled. They have approximately 1,250 elderly and disabled participants and each one has received an estimate of \$300.00 per household that qualify.

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

Mr. Soap offered to answer any questions from his written report. Councilor Baker inquired about the proposal from the Arts & Humanities Council. Mr. Soap stated they have received funding from their department. Councilor Snell inquired about the Oaks Water and Sewer plant. They are trying to get it cleaned up for a new lagoon. Councilor Buzzard stated the \$37,000 that came from the Stimulus Funding might

help with the work that needs to be done. Mr. Soap stated he would look into it and get back with the Council. Councilor Cowan Watts questioned if the funding is available for the bigger projects for the Cherokee Arts and Humanities. Mr. Soap stated they usually encourage them to go outside the Nation and try to get the money from other organizations and entities.

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Hood stated the Honey Hill Waterline project is complete but is still waiting on the cable and power companies. The Kansas Dry Creek Project Plan is scheduled for July 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The Ottawa County Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be July 22, 2009 at the bridge. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the Honey Hill Project is part of the stimulus money. Mr. Hood stated it is not.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland offered to answer any questions from his report. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a spreadsheet of the Self Help and the Housing Program employees of where they are and what their responsibilities are. Councilor Soap commented on the Locust Grove Apartment Units of how great the crew is keeping the grounds looking. Councilor Garvin inquired about the Porum budget. Mr. Southerland stated it is finished. Councilor Snell inquired about the roads in Little Kansas. Mr. Southerland stated there are approximately 25 to 30 on the list, which 4-5 is Little Kansas. The time span is early next year.

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

Chair Buzzard announced this item was approved in Education and Culture Committee and forwarded to Council last night.

- 2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY2010 FUNDING FOR A LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 4. AN OVERVIEW OF THE RATING CRITERIA FOR THE INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS
Mr. Endicott presented a presentation and handed out a booklet regarding Transportation Improvement Program Procedures "A Part of the Long-Range Transportation Plan"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Garvin made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 10:10 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Sherry Water</i>	<i>Jerry Snell</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Barry Hood</i>	<i>Rob Endicott</i>	<i>David Southerland</i>
<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Charlie Soap</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Robbi Mouse, Clerk

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____