



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Community Services Committee

Monday, March 16, 2009

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

Special Session

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Buzzard called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap and Bradley Cobb

Absent 3 - S. Joe Crittenden; Buel Anglen and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Meredith Frailey and Cara Cowan Watts

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2008 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Councilor Harley Buzzard

Mr. Marvin Jones handed out a provision of the law pertaining to the stimulus funds. The law gave the parameters of how the funds could be used. He stated they want to amend the 2008 IHP to include the stimulus funds. He stated the stimulus funds must be kept separate from the regular IHP funding. He stated if this is agreed to today corresponding budgets will be submitted for the Executive and Finance Committee which would implement these funds. He stated the changes are simple. The pages provided are the only changes to the 2008 IHP. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if these funds could be used to complete the housing addition road projects. Mr. Jones stated it is written in this amendment and it is the intent to do so. Mr. Jones stated these funds should be available at the end of the month. The formula stimulus funds we will receive are \$11,878,385. The Delaware portion of these funds is \$213,741. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if the guidelines would be modified on the rehabs to be able to use some of these funds for those now over income. The 185 on the list now are the elderly and disabled and now they will be able to go back and start funding some of the others on the list. Mr. Jones stated most of the stimulus funds would be contracted out for services. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired of the 218 homes listed how many are already done. Mr. Southerland stated he is unsure that he could provide the information before the Council meeting tonight. Mr. Jones stated the intent of the stimulus funds is to create jobs and this is why most of the funding is being contracted out. The funds must be obligated in 180 days but not spent. The plan basically puts approximately half of the funds into rehab and half into

modernization, low rent and roads for the mutual help projects. He stated there is \$220,000 being put into administration for indirect cost which is salaries for those administering the program. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the projects would be bid out in small enough pieces for the smaller TERO vendors to be able to bid. Mr. Southerland stated the intent is to bid out in small portions. Mr. Jones stated there was a revision to NAHASDA last fall when it was re authorized that allows for a tribal preference. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if Section 3 would apply. Mr. Jones stated it does apply.

Mr. Jones stated there isn't much information on the competitive funds yet. There will be just over \$240ml available. It may be a Nation wide competition for the funds. He law he earlier provided also gives the regulations for the competitive funds. He stated they are looking to use these funds for the possible construction of new homes in Adair and Sequoyah Counties. Chair Buzzard suggested looking at housing additions that need water line assistance. He suggested if anyone has ideas for the competitive funds to contact either Mr. Jones or Mr. Southerland.

Chair Buzzard requested Mr. Southerland, Mr. Jones, The environmental programs to attend the next work group meeting to discuss the environmental issues with housing. Mr. Southerland stated he would bring a list with him of what they can and can't do without an environmental.

Mr. Jones stated the omnibus bill passed a few days ago which increased NAHASDA funding for the 2009 IHP. He stated they would need to revise that IHP to include these funds.

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion for approval and requested it be forward to Council tonight. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried at 1:58 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marvin Jones</i>	<i>David Southerland</i>	<i>Melanie Knight</i>
<i>Gregg Simmons</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Charlie Soap</i>
<i>Callie Catcher</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Hembree

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____