



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Harley Buzzard, Chair

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Tuesday, July 13, 2010

10:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 3 - Bradley Cobb; Don Garvin and Meredith Frailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the June 14th special session and the June 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Norma Merriman

Ms. Merriman reported school clothing vouchers are being given out today at Sequoyah High School with Muskogee and Stilwell scheduled for later this week. The checks has started going out to the summer cooling assistance participants who are either elderly or disabled and were fall LIHEAP eligible. The cooling assistance checks are made payable to the electric companies.

2. Community Services - Charlie Soap

Mr. Soap announced a dinner and activities event for Veterans will be held in Claremore at the Veteran's Center. The Fairfield housing waterline construction has

been placed on hold due to the finding of arrowheads and bones pending notification to the Office of Environmental. They continue to work on the Redbird project however the weather has slowed the project considerably. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if there is any idea as to a time frame of when the excess lumber will be ready to distribute and to whom. Mr. Soap stated he is unsure at this time that all Departments are looking into uses of the lumber. He stated he would keep everyone updated. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about the ruined lumber being part of the lumber for the Self-Help Housing program and if so how would it be replaced. Mr. Soap commented they may have to purchase additional materials. Councilor Bill John Baker requested a breakdown of the \$120,000 to build a self-help home. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if steps have been taken to prevent lumber from ruining in the future. Mr. Soap stated several areas were cleaned out and rearranged to make room for the lumber but still didn't have enough space. They are in the process of erecting a metal building for storing the lumber but have come across issues with getting the sight approved by HUD.

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Barry Hood reported in the absence of Mr. Lynn. He announced they started the asphalt today on the Dry Creek project. The Salina Kenwood project is waiting on striping and signs for completion. Base rock is being laid on the Rice portion of the Rice Woodard road. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about the status of the Grace Hudlin road. Mr. Hood stated it is in design and he would check the status and provide an update. Councilor Glory-Jordan voiced concern for the parking lot on the Barber project next to the cemetery as there are numerous unmarked graves in that area. Councilor Cowan Watts requested they work with the DOI and the city in regard to planning for the signage for the Claremore Indian Hospital. Mr. Hood stated he is unaware of the project but would speak to Mr. Lynn. Councilor Fullbright requested an update on the Nicutt South road improvements. Mr. Hood stated bids have been opened but have not been awarded. Chair Buzzard inquired about the status of the Kenwood road to Highway 59 in regard to the bridge issues. Mr. Hood stated Guy Engineering is working on the bridges and was unsure of the current status. Chair Buzzard also inquired about the Clouds Creek Road. Mr. Hood stated he is unaware of any changes on the project. Chair Buzzard requested a follow up letter inquiring as to the intentions and time frame.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland announced the board meeting is scheduled this Friday at noon at the Housing Authority board room. He reported on the disclosures for the month. He announced he would be in Seattle next week at the Negotiated Rule Making meetings. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested he provide the figures like the ones he once obtained regarding the cost to build a three bedroom two bath turn key brick home similar to the Title VI homes. She suggested possibly rethinking the self-help to build a home and let the family do the self-help in some other area of the tribe. Councilor Fullbright inquired as to who is responsible for the maintenance of a vacant home in Sam Ed Bush addition. Mr. Southerland stated his staff is responsible but have a hard time with notifications and keeping up. He requested notification be given to him if one is located and maintenance is in question.

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the written report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS, FOR EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES, AND PREVENTION AND DIVERSION SERVICES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the Chair set up a Housing Work Group meeting to further explore the NAHASDA housing budget. Chair Buzzard stated he would explore future meeting dates.

Councilor Soap announced at the Pryor Farmer's Market on the 17th they will have a Cherokee Cultural Heritage Day at the Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:00 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Doug Evans
Charlie Soap
Paula Ragsdale*

*Norma Merriman
Ashley Canoe
Barry Hood*

*Shay Smith
David Southerland*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Charles Dry