



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, September 15, 2014

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Don Garvin

Late Arrival 1 - Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the August 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reminded everyone of the sendoff of the World War II Veteran's on their trip to Washington D.C. at the Hard Rock on Monday. She commented they are open to suggestions in regard to the new report layout. Councilor Hargis inquired about remaining clothing vouchers for those who have missed out. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of the Tulsa/Rogers County Advocate. She questioned the over income tribal burials. She also asked about extending hours at the Collinsville food distribution site. Councilor Keener inquired about the Child Support report by case load. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if they were going to be prepared to take the Community Youth and Adult Grants on the first of October. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the burial funds for the over income were tribal dollars.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported HUD is doing a housing study across the United States and our Housing Authority is being one of those reviewed. He offered to answer questions of the report provided. Councilor Coates inquired about the community organizations being moved under the Secretary of State and if we would continue to get reports. She also inquired about the 1,900 hours listed in the report this month as to how those were spent in the At Large communities. Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion for an agenda item to be added to this committee for this report each month whether it be reported from the Secretary of State or the COTTA department. No seconded was given. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the housing rehab numbers and the lesser numbers up north. Councilor Keener inquired about the West Siloam water tower project. Councilor Thornton requested the process and procedures for the different programs be given to the Council.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Councilor Glory Jordan announced Mr. Cooper is in meetings in Washington D.C. regarding NAHASDA reauthorization. If there are any questions regarding his report please email him.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on their current projects along with the current bids. Councilor Fishinhawk requested a report on the TERO participation on the Delaware County project with the 3 or 4 bridges. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the date and location of the meeting at Briggs regarding the Dreadfulwater road project.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight gave an update on the MAP applications. She stated they are in the process of revamping this report format. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Vazquez inquired if all of the space was full in the Cort Mall.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. [TMP-317](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: MAINTAINING TRUST AND/OR RESTRICTED STATUS WHEN BUILDING HOMES
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [14-087](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY15 FUNDING FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

2. [14-088](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:10 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Linda Donelson</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold