



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, April 10, 2017

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hatfield gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Late Arrival 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the March 20th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions in the absence of Mr. Qualls. Councilor Warner commented there are a few streets within one of our additions in Sallisaw that 911 is requesting be named. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for some of the restrictions listed in the cemetery policy. Councilor Anglen agreed the restrictions are hindering the elders from volunteering to take care of the cemeteries. Councilor Baker suggested reviewing and possibly amending the Legislative Act. Mr. Lynn commented the cemetery program falls under the Community and Culture Outreach department.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on their projects. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the Welling road. Councilor Crittenden requested directions to Moonshine

road. He also gave appreciation for the work on Smith road.

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced they continue to wait on news of this year's NAHASDA funding. The National American Indian Counsel Board has hired Tony Walters. He provided an update on the HUD VASH program for homeless veterans.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She provided two flyers; one is regarding a tax advocacy service and the other is for the homebuyers fair in Pryor on April 28th. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the eligibility of the homebuyers fair and trainings. Ms. Smith gave an update on the VITA program results to date.

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore provided a follow up on questions from last month regarding the closure of foster homes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-345](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE COAT AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

Councilor Hargis moved to table. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-043](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be included as sponsors. The motion carried with a request to forward to full council this evening.

2. [17-044](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING FOR BRIDGES #56 AND #57 OVER WICKLIFFE CREEK IN MAYES COUNTY, OK

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with a request to go to full council this evening.

3. [TMP-349](#) 211 PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Councilor Buzzard introduced Tim Lyall and Donnie House from the 211 Program. They gave an educational presentation of the 211 program along with providing a packet of information. The program is basically an electronic way to locate and use help and human services easily. Councilor Crittenden inquired if they would be available to attend community meetings. Councilor Byrd inquired if they currently work with our Cherokee Nation programs. He also inquired about their funding sources. Appreciation was given for the presentation.

Presented

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:59 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Donnie House</i>	<i>James Lyall</i>	