



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Daryl Legg, Chair

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Tuesday, January 17, 2023

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Legg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Sam gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

Absent 1 - Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 1 - Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Kirby introduced the new Deputy Executive Director of Human Services, Leah Duncan. She offered to answer any questions from the report provided. Councilor Sam inquired about improvements to the coat voucher program next year. Councilor Crittenden suggested doing the coat program like the backpack program. Councilor Tehee suggested having the clothing voucher funds available to the participants on tax free weekend.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Andy Quetone offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Smith requested an update on the visit with Dwight Mission. Councilor Deere

requested clarification on the process with the increased cost and change orders. He inquired if concrete has been considered instead of asphalt. Councilor Callison commented Chimney Rock is a great road, job well done.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Ms. Killer introduced Mr. Todd Enlow as the new Executive Director of the Housing Authority. Chair Legg inquired as to the order of operation now. Councilor Deere inquired if the Human Resource Department at the HACN is different than at the Cherokee Nation. Mr. Enlow reported they are looking to convert all applications at the Housing Authority to an online process. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on who to contact with issues Ms. Killer or Mr. Enlow.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced the deadline to turn in Valentines for Vets is the 9th of February. There is now a Tribal Veterans Service Officer at the Veterans Center. They received a new suicide prevention grant which will allow for additional employees. There were over 300 in attendance at their Christmas event. Councilor Deere requested they meet with the National Guard in Tulsa as they are interested in an art piece.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shambaugh announced Samantha Hendricks, our Human Resources Director, is offering to meet with the Council in small groups to have more candid discussions regarding concerns and upcoming changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:38 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Barbara Foreman
Corey Bunch*

*Andy Quetone
Joe Crittenden*

*Jennifer Kirby
Leah Duncan*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Enlow

Jerri Killer

Teddye Snell

John Young