



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Harley Buzzard, Chair

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Thursday, May 26, 2011

11:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

Reconvened from May 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buzzard called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cowan Watts gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 9 - Bill John Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan
- Absent** 5 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Janelle Fullbright and Jodie Fishinghawk
- Late Arrival** 2 - Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

11-067

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Mr. Marvin Jones gave an over view of the 2012 Indian Housing Plan. He stated \$38ml of the plan consists of creating over 2,000 homeownership opportunities, 4,000 rental opportunities, as well as law enforcement and employment and training opportunities. Approximately \$17.2ml will go into homeownership types of opportunities and \$9.4ml in rental opportunities. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the \$38ml would be used to build new homes. Mr. Jones there are 16 homes included in the self-help construction and approximately 283 possible with Mortgage Assistance. Approximately \$1,195,000 plus IDC will go to the Marshal Service. The land acquisition would bring 296 home sites in the 2011 plan. This plan would add an addition 232 home sites. Councilor Glory-Jordan questioned the need for the high number of sites. Councilor Cowan Watts 1) requested clarification on the Redbird project being a Stimulus project, 2) requested a comparison today verses the impact of new construction as being requested, 3) more discussion regarding why we are purchasing the land and 4) clarification of how much land the Housing Authority has now. Mr. Jones clarified the Redbird project is a Stimulus project. He stated the

benefit comparison requested would be a homeownership opportunities to five families rather than two families in the other plan. The purchase of land is an attempt to enact the community strategy and also the purchases are around job areas, it is specifically intended to purchase surplus land to allow our children to have home sites in the future. The Housing Authority has their own board and makes their own decisions however they are going to be asked to their money be used to develop the infrastructure on the lands acquired. Councilor Glory-Jordan stated \$6ml isn't enough for housing; she voiced concern for the other \$32ml being divided up for indirect housing activities.

The motion to approve the 2012 IHP carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan, Bill John Baker, and Crittenden opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:23 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Ashley Canoe
Paula Ragsdale
Melanie Knight*

*Phyllis Chaffin
Marvin Jones
Pat Ragsdale*

*Anna Knight
Doug Evans*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Hembree