



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, March 11, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

Absent 1 - Buel Anglen

Late Arrival 1 - Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the February regular session minutes. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation for the effort to have the clothing vouchers redeemable at any store. He inquired if the application process would remain the same as last year. He requested an update on the incentive program issue. Councilor Shaw inquired about the differences between the Outreach for Elders and the Hospice/Home Health outreach program.

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

Mr. Billy Hix reported in the absence of Ms. Ketcher. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on repairs referred to in the report. She inquired about the status of a home with brown drinking water. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the situation with the Cherry Tree water system.

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired when the work would begin on the small elder homes in Hulbert. He commented there is an alternate design for 14 to be built by the cultural grounds and then some at Salina. Councilor Buzzard inquired how the locations are being determined. Councilor Shambaugh gave appreciation for his timely help on a situation. Councilor Crittenden inquired how to get some of the new rental units in other districts. Chair Lay inquired about the location where the homes were demolished. He also inquired if a two-year wait for homeownership is accurate. Councilor Shaw requested additional information on the housing for veterans program.

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported on the projects they are currently working on. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the contracts on two new roads. He also inquired about the liquidated damages for the Leach Kenwood road and the situation with that contractor. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if there is an anticipated completion of the Leach Kenwood road. He inquired about the contractor being able to win award on other jobs. Chair Lay inquired about the percentage amount of the job that remains incomplete. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the contractor had been awarded any other jobs. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the location of the award.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight gave an update on the VITA program to date. Councilor Taylor inquired about the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace course referred to in the report.

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore gave an update to a question asked by Councilor Taylor last month. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw requested additional information on the upcoming event in July.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-017](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITITES
Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to forward to council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:58 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>
<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Taylor Edwards</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Kevin Stretch</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Cynthia Buzzard</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>		