



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, June 11, 2012

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Frailey gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 4 - Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Cara Cowan Watts and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the May 14th regular session minutes.
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Penny Noiseworthy reported in the absence of Ms. Lamb. She provided a handout of information regarding the Elders in Need Program and the first disbursement of funds. She offered to answer question from the report provided. Several questions were asked pertaining to the Elders in Need program with a request made for applications to also be taken at the Vinita, Collinsville, Porum, Nowata and other field offices. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about a permanent hire for the cook position at the Foyil Senior Nutrition Center.

2. Community Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland provided an overview of the report provided. He announced the volunteer groups from schools and churches will come in through the summer looking for community volunteer work, he requested to be contacted for projects to be

considered.

3. Housing Services - David Southerland

He gave the disclosures for the month and announced the board meeting is scheduled for the 19th at noon. He announced he has received an update on the Indian Housing Block Grant program unexpended funds for each tribe from HUD and would provide it to the Council. He announced a workshop would be held on Sunday afternoon at NCAI pertaining to the HUD needs study. Councilor Baker requested the At Large Councilors be included in scheduling of the At Large Community meetings. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the self-help participants in Rogers County and the status of the no smoking policy in the public housing.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported they opened bids last Thursday on Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow Road and a recommended award to one of the four contractors has been submitted to the Chief's office for signature. A Tribal Consultation meeting with the BIA and Federal Highway Administration for Oklahoma will be on June 20th where the topic of discussion will be changes to the IRR funding formula and classification changes. He stated some of the changes being considered would have a major impact on our funding. The Oklahoma County Commissioners are speaking out in support of our tribes and are in opposition to Question 10 and what they are trying to accomplish. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested once the bid is formally awarded that the Council be notified of the subcontractors and how many of those are TERO.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Mary Campbell reported in the absence of Anna Knight. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the appearance of increased foreclosure activities.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [12-093](#) A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE POLICIES FOR THE TRACKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY YOUTH GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts requested this item be changed to an action item for next month's meeting and legislation would be provided to be voted on. She stated the legislation would require fair and equitable distribution throughout the fourteen counties. Discussion was held in opposition to the proposal as well as suggestions for additional outreach. Mr. Southerland reported on the number of applications taken, the amount of funding and their policy and processes. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested applications continue to be taken even when funds are exhausted and the Council to be notified of the need for additional funding. Mr. Southerland requested direction in regard to the change from \$250 to \$200 as far as those applications taken at the time of the change. Councilor Thornton requested tracking for the what community service was performed and why the funds were requested. Discussion was held regarding the balance of the sports team funding and a request was made to amend the mod at the Council meeting this evening.

This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-080](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES TO THE U.S. FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU, RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM
Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. All Council members requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

2. [12-081](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO KENWOOD WATER DISTRICT
Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

3. [12-082](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested mapping of these funds showing where the funds are to be expended. Mr. Southerland announced an explanation of the use of funds is shown on pages 53 and 54. After the completion of numerous questions, comments and discussion Councilor Walkingstick called for the question.
The motion to approve carried with some opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjoun. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:35 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>David Southerland</i>
<i>Linda Vann</i>	<i>Lisa James</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Mary Campbell</i>	<i>Penny Noiseworthy</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Phyllis Lay</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>
<i>Larry Horn</i>		