



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, July 9, 2018

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the June 11th regular session as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification for late applications for the clothing vouchers. They discussed the policy in regard to home schooled kids being able to participate in the clothing voucher program. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the online process and the process in the past in regard to the clothing vouchers. Councilor Shaw inquired which stores the clothing vouchers are good. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of home schooled kids within our jurisdiction. He requested a record be kept for the year of how many home schooled kids are assisted for the year. Councilor Smith inquired if the home schooled kids qualify for commodities would they qualify for clothing vouchers.

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher gave a brief overview of her background. She gave highlights of the report provided. Councilor Buzzard commented on the increases in the IHP for housing water and sewer and multi-county individual water and sewer being the largest he could remember. He inquired about the reason for the increases. Councilor Taylor inquired if the increase would allow those who are building homes to be able to get their water and sewer faster. Councilor Buzzard inquired what category b homes are in regard to the water and sewer program. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the Cherry Tree project. Ms. Ketcher also touched on the Community Youth Development and their recent activities.

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper stated the college housing applications are available until August 3rd. They continue to wait to see how HUD will appropriate the newly appropriated funds. He provided an update on the Tribal HUD VASH Program. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the status of the emergency rehab program.

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported they held a final inspection on the Honey Hill Project. He provided updates on the NE Ft. Gibson project, Ross Street project, Dwight Mission Road project, and the Leach Kenwood Road project. They have been awarded \$411,000 for safety improvement funds to be used at the Ochelata turnoff. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the status of the light at the Woodall School. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the transit program as far as do we own or lease the vehicles, the individual demand, response time and cost. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the Leach Kenwood contractor who is behind and the fines. Councilor Byrd inquired if the Nation had contributed anything to the Bluff Street or 4th Street projects here in Tahlequah. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about Colcord Road and New Life Ranch Road.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She gave highlights and reported some changes to the trainings schedule. She also provided highlights for the emergency saving accounts grant they received. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Rachel Fore reported for Ms. Limore by offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the ICW case as the federal level. Councilor Hatfield requested clarification on the cases in thirty-seven states.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty requested a correction in the report provided. He touched on some upcoming events; Thursday they will be in Chelsea for cultural presentations and July 31st trainings will be held on board recruitment. Councilor Shaw commented on the recently held CCO conference. Councilor Byrd requested the final count at the

conference. He commented the mural at Oak Hill needs preservation and inquired about the ownership of the property. Councilor Hatfield commented on the recently held CCO conference. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about sending a letter from the tribe to the BIA about the mural at Oak Hill.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman provided a handout of Veteran Center activities. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the Warrior flight in September. The veteran food outreach will be held on the 12th of September. They have partnered with the food bank to provide a meal for the veterans. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the number of participants at the veteran lunches held on Fridays. Councilor Buzzard inquired about veteran memorial bricks and some of them in need of repair. Councilor Austin commented on the bus load of vets that came to Claremore to visit the traveling memorial wall. Councilor Byrd inquired about a long range plan and determining the number of veterans per district.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-049](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2018 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve both the 2018 Housing Plan amendment and the submission of the 2019 Housing Plan and requested they be forwarded to Council this evening. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the rehab and some of the other numbers submitted. Councilor Buzzard inquired about ICDBG funds. He also asked about Title VI loans. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the amount allocated for new homes and the number of new homes projected to be built. The motion to approve carried.

2. [18-050](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Approved and forwarded to Full Council along with New Business item #1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lay announced it was good to have Councilor Hargis back.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:21 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Marsha Lamb
Martha Ketcher
Chris Sams
Shay Smith
Tyloer Thomas*

*Rob Daugherty
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Courtney Jordan
Angela King*

*Tammy Miller
Canaan Duncan
Barbara Foreman
Rachel Fore*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Cooper

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad

Teddye Snell