



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

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Monday, July 15, 2013

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Absent** 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the June 10th regular session and the June 27th special session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb announced they have received their second year approval for the Home Visiting Grant Program. A resolution was passed at Inter-Tribal to allow the tribes to have the same IRS information the State currently has access to for child support purposes. Councilor Cowan Watts voiced concern for the clothing vouchers being issued during the week of 4th of July in her area. She also inquired about the hire of the Rogers County elder advocate. Councilor Hargis inquired about feedback from the school voucher program in Stilwell.*

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

*Mr. Qualls offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the number of crews and inspectors in the rehab*

department. She voiced concern for the length of time it takes for a rehab. After the conclusion of questions regarding rehabs Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the process for gravel for driveways and storm shelters. Councilor Snell voiced concern for applicants never receiving a return phone call or follow-up on the status of their applications. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to the cost of a replacement home. Discussion was held regarding the difference in price between the new homeownership with the Housing Authority and the replacement homes through the Community Service Department.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided a handout of the income guidelines for NAHASDA. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Mr. Cooper announced they have several contracts out for bid in Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa, Craig, Nowata, Washington, Tulsa and Rogers Counties. Councilor Hargis inquired about the new homes in Adair County. Clarification was requested on the total number of homes completed and turned over to families to date, the number out to bid, in process and the number on the waiting list.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the report provided. Several Councilors requested updates on the status of roads in their districts. Councilor Keener inquired about the Pelivan Transit no longer giving rides to the elders unless it is for a medical emergency. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to Council roads funds that do not carry over.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported the MAP policy for \$25,000 has been signed and implemented. She announced they will be having a foreclosure intervention workshop in the Tulsa area in conjunction with HUD and several other mortgage servicers on the 25th of July. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-258](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HOUSING FOR ALL CHEROKEES IN ALL AREAS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
- Chair Lay withdrew this item.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-272](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMUNITY BUILDINGS
- Ms. Karen Ketcher provided a spreadsheet update on the community buildings. She announced there are twelve community buildings that are incomplete on the list and those are: Brushy, Rocky Mountain, Eucha, Kenwood Education, Project A, Vian Charitable Trust, The Red Clay Society, Greasy, Welch, Legacy Arts Wellness,

*Christie, and Chewey. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested clarification on the insurance costs. Chair Lay requested a copy of the policy for the community buildings be provided. Ms. Ketcher extended an invitation to the Council to attend an appreciation dinner being held this Thursday evening at the Vian Community building for the volunteers.*

2. TMP-273

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

*Councilor Glory-Jordan provided an amendment to the cemetery restoration assistance policy. She moved to approve the amendments as provided. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. voiced concern for limiting to two cemeteries and offered a friendly amendment for special consideration is given by the Executive & Finance committee if more than two are applied for by the same group or individual. The friendly was accepted.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts voiced concern and requested the opportunity for the County Commissioner to present his concerns and questions to the committee. She moved to table for one month. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 7 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts

**Nay:** 8 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Abstain:** 1 - Janelle Fullbright

*Councilor Garvin inquired about the funds allocation referring to nine districts instead of fifteen. He offered a friendly amendment to strike the funds allocation paragraph. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered a friendly amendment to change from two cemeteries to three. The friendly was accepted.*

**The motion to approve as amended carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 11 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Nay:** 5 - Buel Anglen; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Lay announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12th at 2:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:04 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Lamb  
Gary Cooper  
Billy Hix

Elizabeth Odell  
Ron Qualls  
Terrisa Muskrat

Michael Lynn  
Anna Knight  
Lisa Long

*David Pruitt*                      *Ginger Brown*                      *Karen Ketcher*  
*Courtney Roark Thompson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Cheryl Brown*                      *Ruth Ann Weaver*                      *Ollie Starr*  
*Farrell Prater*                      *Dianne Barker Harrold*