



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tina Glory-Jordan, Acting Chair

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Monday, November 14, 2011

2:00 PM

Head Start Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Glory-Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr.; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Absent 2 - Meredith Frailey and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the October 10th regular session minutes.
Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb provided a handout showing a breakdown by county for the number of households served with LIHEAP last year with a total of 1,781 households served. Councilor Garvin requested a status update on the LIHEAP blankets. Ms. Lamb gave an update on the Veterans center. Chair Glory-Jordan requested an update next month on the funding situation for LIHEAP. Ms. Lamb announced the Nowata nutrition site is scheduled to open in January, the Collinsville food distribution center is scheduled for summer and the Stilwell Child Development center is scheduled for completion in approximately 18 months.

2. Community Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland reported he submitted a recommendation which was approved by Chief Baker for the 15 homes in Redbird Smith Addition to be mutual help homes

based on income. The homes will be appraised and used as the purchase price which would only come into play if the family chooses to sell the home. They currently have twenty applications for these fifteen homes. All \$75,000 of the Adult Grant Funds has been obligated. Councilor Anglen inquired if there are any plans for the 10 acres in Collinsville. Mr. Southerland stated he has been requested by Chief Baker to review all currently owned land as they ramp up to build houses. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested a breakdown for the Adult Grant showing where those who were approved live and the number of applications denied due to the lack of funds. He also requested feedback on how the program could be improved. He inquired about the status of the lots in Nowata. Mr. Southerland stated two ladies have applied for self-help homes and may use those lots. Councilor Thornton commented two schools in his district need homes built to help the school districts.

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Southerland announced there is a pre-construction meeting for the Barber Road project at the Dry Creek Community building on November 29th at 6:00 p.m. The Honey Hill project was finalized on November 1st and the final inspection for the Nicutt North project was held on the 11th of November. He offered to answer questions from the roads report provided.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland gave the public disclosures for the month. The next board meeting is scheduled for noon tomorrow. He apologized for the conflict of timing with the committee meetings tomorrow. The December meeting is scheduled for the 20th at noon.

6. Pending HUD Policy Changes - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland provided an update following recently held meetings. He stated if the \$20ml rule goes into effect we will be okay.

7. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported the couponing workshop is the most popular at this time due to the economy. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-125](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO HUD FOR AN ICDBG GRANT; APPROPRIATING MATCHING FUNDS AND CERTIFYING ADHERENCE TO PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS

Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Ms. Reva Crawford gave an overview of the grant proposal. All Council members present requested to be sponsors. The motion to approve

carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Glory-Jordan stated from this point forward as Interim Chair of this committee she is requesting Ms. Brittain to share the proposed legislation to the Council members whose districts may be affected to allow them the opportunity to co-sponsor.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 2:52 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Marsha Lamb
Anna Knight
Diane Kelley*

*Avo Fivekiller
Doug Evans*

*David Southerland
Reva Crawford*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Raymond Vann