



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Daryl Legg, Chair

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Callison gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve the September minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Killer offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the Senior Nutrition Centers are open. Councilor Nofire inquired about the Angel Tree. Councilor Smith inquired about volunteers to hand out food at the nutrition centers. Chair Shambaugh inquired if we are in litigation at this time with the UKB pertaining to ICW. Heated discussion was held in regard to opinions being made on facebook. Ms. Kirby gave an update on the LIHEAP program and the water assistance program. Councilor Deere requested clarification on the adoption process. Councilor Smith requested clarification on the water assistance program.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired about a timeline for the Locust Grove project. He also inquired about citizens south of Locust

Grove who need rural water.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Ms. Killer gave updates on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the Emergency After Hours Program. She announced Housing Rehab will be implement a program to help people with rehab who don't qualify for the rehab program, this will be by referral. She announced the Mortgage Assistance Program is now at the Housing Authority. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Legg inquired about the materials only program. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the referral program can also be referrals from the Council. Councilor Smith commented the need to get out more information on the Emergency After Hours Program. He inquired about the name of the new referral program.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foremen reported on corrections in her report. The Drive Thru COVID and Flu vaccines is at the One Fire Field, not at the Veterans Center. On November 11th the Office of Veteran Affairs will lay a wreath at the Court House square. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Nofire inquired about the process to get a new veteran into the center. When a veteran passes away is there an honoring of them. Councilor Coates inquired about getting the Cherokee Nation seal as an option on the headstones at the National cemeteries.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [21-099](#) A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR § 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to go to full Council this evening. Councilors Shotpouch and Deere requested to be added as sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>
<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Jerri Killer</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

John Young