



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

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Monday, August 12, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Warner gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

**Late Arrival** 3 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the July regular session minutes. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Jennifer Kirby reported for Ms. Lamb. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired if homebound students were eligible for the clothing voucher program. She also inquired if the card issues were worked out at Wal-Mart. She lastly if the program is open or closed. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the timeline to receive the clothing voucher cards, the budget for the program and if there are any funds remaining for late applications.*

Community Services/ Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Ms. Ketcher provided an accomplishment report for the Community Service Department. She gave an overview of the report as the last report from her in this capacity. She introduced Jackie Reese. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the number*

*of employees within her department. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the waiting list for water and sanitation, if there is an alternative to the aerobic system and when someone should apply when it is a new build. Councilor Anglen inquired about when to apply if it involves a FEMA situation from the floods. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about not qualifying if there has been dirt moved or construction has started.*

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper provided an update on the college housing program. They received notice of award for the 2018 ICDBG to rehab thirty-five homes for elders. Last week they applied for the competitive IHBG maximum amount and if received they would be able to construct sixty-four new homes. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Taylor commented on the HUD Vash program being at capacity. Councilor Buzzard inquired about constituents needing driveway assistance due to all the recent weather issues. Councilor Byrd inquired if in the future the citizens can assist with the home design. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the deadline for college housing. Councilor Crittenden commented we should have a training program to benefit our programs instead of training them to work elsewhere.*

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd requested he research and see if other tribes are repairing citizens driveways and if so what type of program funding. Mr. Lynn introduced Andy Quetone as the new Director of Transportation and Priscilla Arneecher the Right of Way Supervisor. Chair Lay gave congratulations on his new position as the New Community Service Department Executive Director.*

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She referred the Councilor to a new section in their report "The more you know" where they will include information about scams and other needed to know not highly publicized. She provided information about the Mortgage Assistance Program and the HUD requirement for no dirt to be moved prior to approval of the program.*

Indian Child Welfare - Lou Stretch

*Ms. Stretch highlighted the Cherokee Children's Cultural Connections program. They looking at and trying to prioritize their relative placements for the children in custody. She reported on the 4C Program. They are working hard in the recruitment of foster homes.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Stretch offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

*Chair Lay gave Ms. Barbara Foreman, from the Veteran's Center, and opportunity to report as she missed her quarterly report last month. She gave updates from the report submitted last month. She reported on the traveling tomb of the unknown soldier, the hands on event recently held and the food outreach event in South Coffeyville and Nowata. Councilor Shaw requested an update on the Cherokee National cemetery.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [19-048](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY ON NS4410 ROAD (VINITA CLINIC TRACT) ON USA IN TRUST LAND FOR CHEROKEE NATION TO THE BOARD OF CRAIG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting this evening. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Smith gave appreciation to Speaker Byrd for the funds he gave to Webber Falls schools.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:13 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Kevin Stretch</i>	<i>Martha Ketcher</i>
<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Joel Bean</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Andy Quetone</i>	<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>	<i>Jackie Reese</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Phyllis Lay</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>
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