



# 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, October 17, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.**

**Present** 13 - Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

**Absent** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

**Late Arrival** 3 - Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd and David Walkingstick

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

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### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Buzzard made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Indian Child Welfare report to immediately follow the passage of this motion.**

**Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

*Ms. Limore announced the angel tree program is in full swing. Ms. Rachael Fore provided a packet of information regarding the angel tree. They offered to answer questions from the report or the angel tree packet. Councilor Byrd inquired if we*

receive any outside funding for the angel tree. Ms. Barker Harrold announced the Cherokee Nation just received a Children's Justice Act grant. Ms. Limore gave of information on the two new grants received.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the minutes from the September 12th regular session. Councilor Vazquez**

## REPORTS:

### 1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb announced they received a small grant and we are the first ever tribe to receive it from First Nations for diabetes and nutrition education awareness. She reminded everyone of the Veteran's Day celebration on the 10th of November. She provided an update on the Veteran Resource Fair. She invited everyone to attend Jerry Snell's retirement party on October 26th. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the ages for the community youth grant. Councilor Buzzard reminded Ms. Lamb about the Jay community garden when they begin implementing this new grant. He also asked about the hours and days the elderly nutrition sites are open. Chair Lay requested the menus of the nutrition sites are emailed to the Council.*

### 2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

*Mr. Lynn offered to field any questions in the absence of Mr. Qualls. Councilor Buzzard asked about the aerobic septic systems and requested to see their regulations. Councilor Taylor raised concern again for the Pelivan transit issue in her area. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if they had received a new transportation grant. He also inquired about water at a residence in Dry Creek. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the transit program transports elders to appointments. Chair Lay requested a meeting with Grand Gateway, Mr. Lynn, Councilor Anglen and himself to discuss the transit crossover issues in their area. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about Welling road. Councilor Byrd inquired about the road west of Coffee Hollow.*

### 4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn gave an update on the pending road projects. The transit grant they received is for the purchase of six handicapped accessible vans. He gave an update on training some of his staff attended and certifications received. Councilor Garvin inquired about testing again on the Ft. Gibson road. Councilor Buzzard requested the Kenwood road be reviewed for additional chevron signs on the sharp curves. He also inquired about the policy on the placement of the chevron signs.*

### 3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper reported they have held their 9th and hopefully final Negotiated Rule Making session meeting. He gave an overview of the purpose and the process for the Negotiated Rule Making committee. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the fifty rehab applications pulled for consideration. He inquired if they have an elder advocate to help in completing applications and obtaining documents. Councilor Buzzard inquired when they would take possession of the new homes in West Siloam Springs.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report. She reminded everyone the NORA Summit is next Tuesday at NSU. Councilor Buzzard inquired about changes in credit score. Councilor Warner inquired about income guidelines on her various different programs.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **16-108** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONWIDE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Ms. Lamb gave a brief overview of the resolution. The motion to approve and forward to Council carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:08 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Rachel Fore</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>
<i>Chris Sams</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Janice Randall</i>		