



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

Kendra McGeady, Chair
Melvina Shotpouch, Co-Chair

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Monday, May 11, 2026

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGeady called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Co Chair Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates; Danny Callison; Daryl Legg; Ashley Grant ; Uriah Grass; Clifton Hughes; Johnny Kidwell ; Kendra McGeady; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Brittany Denny-Davis

Ms. Davis announced the food distribution sites are to now be open five days a week. They are actively recruiting for Foster Care. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Callison inquired about LIHEAP applications. Chair McGeady commented everyone is excited for the Nowata site visit.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn commented on the format change on the report. He provided an update on their ongoing projects. He offered to answer any questions. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the status of the Purple Heart signs.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Todd Enlow

Mr. Enlow provided 2 handouts, one is a letter from himself for Homeowners Assistance Funds Notice and the other is a memo from the Office of Native American Programs providing an explanation on Useful Life and deed restrictions. He provided clarification on each handout then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Callison requested clarification on a citizen passing away with a balance remaining on their home. Councilor Hall inquired about beneficiaries. Councilor Hughes inquired about a citizen getting assistance more than once. Chair McGeady inquired about the process for a non citizen in a home after the citizen passes. Co Chair Shotpouch inquired if there are safe rooms at the veterans housing.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [26-047](#) AN ACT AMENDING THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECTS ACT AS AMENDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Easley moved to table to the June meeting. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Deere announced the State Special Olympics start tomorrow and go through this Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:24 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>
<i>Brittany Davis</i>	<i>Shella Bowlin</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young