



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, March 12, 2012

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts and Frankie Hargis

Absent 2 - Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Late Arrival 4 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the February 23rd regular session minutes. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported they would be delaying the opening of the Nowata Nutrition Center due to sewer issues and roof leaks. They are accepting bids on the Collinsville property. They have Flintco for three more weeks then the Veterans center will rely on volunteers. Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update on the clothing voucher program. She requested a status update on the funds set aside during budget hearings for the nutrition sites, food pantries and back pack program. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if a debt validation process could be implemented for the child support program. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the Human Service budget for next year include funds for the children's coats in the winter and the school clothing vouchers in the fall. Chair Lay inquired if a cost estimate has been done to determine the amount it would take to complete the Veteran's center.

2. Community Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland announced they received 42 applications for the Community Works grant for a total of \$1.8ml and only have funding for \$400,000. He reported they expect to see a 25% decrease in IHS funding for the scattered septic and water systems for the next fiscal year.

3. Housing Services - David Southerland

Mr. Southerland announced the next board meeting is on the 20th at noon. They will begin accepting applications on the 2nd of April for the new home ownership program.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Southerland announced the bid opening for the Lee Creek Bridge in Sequoyah County and the Cedar Crest Road in Mayes County will be held next week. The Barber Road project in Cherokee County is on schedule. Councilor Fishinghawk questioned the cost of the building on the Kenwood waterline project.

Several questions were asked about the new housing program. Councilor Walkingstick recommended using the NAHASDA funds to build these homes for foster families. Questions were raised about TERO and a temporary forty-five day approval. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the status of dorm assistance. She also inquired how much NAHASDA funding goes to law enforcement and if it would continue to be funded through NAHASDA. Mr. Southerland provided a follow-up to the inquiry regarding natural gas vehicles and their conversions. Councilor Byrd inquired as to the cost difference between the first Lee Creek Bridge bid and this estimate.

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired as to whom she would relay a complaint of collusion on a road bid she received. She also inquired about the status of her request to compare the cost of concrete versus asphalt. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the fencing was included in the bid for the Barber Road project. She requested consideration be given and something be brought forward next month separating out these smaller items on the road bids to allow the TERO vendors to participate. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if it could be required for all primes to hire TERO sub contractors. Chair Lay requested a variety of past contracts be provided as samples for the committee to review showing TERO and non-TERO contractors.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the written report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [12-018](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO GORE PWA
- Councilor Thornton moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:50 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Marsha Lamb
Gary Cooper
Billy Hix*

*Anna Knight
Ryan Callison*

*David Southerland
Michael Lynn*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Raymond Vann
Farrell Prater
Larry Horn*

*Charles Dry
Ollie Starr
Flo Guthrie*

*Dianne Barker Harrold
Patricia Carpenter*