



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*  
*Phone: 1-800-995-9465,*  
*E-mail: council-public@cherokee.org*

---

Monday, March 11, 2013

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

---

### CALL TO ORDER

**Councilor Lay called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Fishinghawk gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Frankie Hargis

**Late Arrival** 2 - Janelle Fullbright and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the February 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb announced the tentative funeral services for Rogan Noble will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Sequoyah High School. She stated they have approximately twenty flat screen televisions that they wish to give to the community buildings. She requested the Council help determine a fair way to distribute. She reported they have received a grant from Citgo for the elderly and disabled clients. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if it would be possible at some point in the future to expand the new Nowata Nutrition center as it is already too small. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of the Collinsville and Foyil food distribution sites. She also inquired if the Roger/Tulsa County elder advocate had been hired. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the report include the number of elders in need served since the inception of the program along with monthly and year to date totals. She also questioned the effects of the sequestration on the programs within Human Services.*

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

*Mr. Gary Cooper announced Mr. Qualls requested he take questions for him as he had to leave for another meeting. Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update on the status of the policy for community buildings which would include the requirements to obtain and the commitment. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the policy also include the insurance requirements and board responsibilities if it is leased to a non-profit entity. She stated she would like to form a work group to assist in developing those policies. Chair Lay stated he would form a work group at the request of Speaker Glory-Jordan regarding the community building policies. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the COTTA grants had a requirement to be 501C3. She also inquired about the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club being included with the other clubs. Councilor Thornton inquired if Flute Springs has applied for a community building and if so what is the status. Chair Lay inquired about the status of the storm shelters at the apartment complexes. Chair Lay inquired about the status of a home in Vera that Mr. Chavez did an article on in the Phoenix.*

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper provided a handout from HUD regarding the suspension of the Section 184 Loan Program. He stated the NAHASDA reauthorizations are for a five year time frame and our current reauthorization expires on the first of October. They are unsure when the negotiated rule making will occur now with the sequestration. Mr. Cooper reported they received notice the Community Shield Insurance rates will increase slightly. Councilor Byrd inquired how many Cherokees receive Section 184 loan assistance each year. Councilor Keener inquired about the budget for the resident housing services. Councilor Coates inquired if the number of homes built on page 19 is correct.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn announced they held a final inspection on Cedar Crest Bridge in Mayes County on the 12th of February. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the status of the fence at Barber cemetery.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight announced they are changing credit score models which will help our citizens improve their credit score. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there would be an impact for them because of the sequestration.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-037](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASED SET-ASIDE OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS  
*Councilor Glory- Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested to be added as a sponsor. Chair Lay stated this item needs to go to full Council this evening. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the resolution. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.*  
**The motion to approve and forward to full Council this evening carried.**
  
2. [13-040](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO EXTEND THE SECTION 184 LOAN PROGRAM SERVICES TO THE CHEROKEE CITIZENS LIVING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**Councilor Baker withdrew this item due to lack of funding in the Section 184 Program.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Hoskin Jr. introduced Tim Keeton a TERO certified roofing contractor from his area who is with us today.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:26 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Chelsea Wilson</i>
<i>Terrisa Muskrat</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Robert Endicott</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Dawnea Mackey</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Charles Dry</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>	