



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, January 12, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the December 15, 2014 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Barbara Foreman reported for Ms. Lamb. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the child support numbers in the report. He requested an overview of the process for assistance with utilities. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the Rogers County Elder Advocate. Councilor Snell inquired if there are still wood stoves available.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls announced they have completed 120 rehabs. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the number of rehabs currently pending. Councilor Thornton requested the report provided for rehabs be broken down by district rather than county. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the difference between rehab and

replacement. Mr. David Pruitt gave an update on the timeline for the rehabs. Councilor Fullbright inquired if a home is demolished when they are given a replacement if they are provided somewhere to stay during the process. Councilor Glory Jordan requested they come back to the Council with a plan and recommendations to address the back log for rehabs.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Chair Lay announced Mr. Cooper is currently in DC trying to secure additional housing funds.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the current projects. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the bridge funding being reduced from \$15,000 to \$7,500 per Councilor. He requested it be put back at \$15,000.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided an update on the MAP program. They are beginning to start the VITA tax program. They are among the top twenty to be selected for an award from the Consumers Protection Bureau out of one hundred and sixty applicants.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-317](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: MAINTAINING TRUST AND/OR RESTRICTED STATUS WHEN BUILDING HOMES
- Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Glory Jordan provided a copy of a legal opinion in regard to this issue. The item was tabled.**

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>David Pruitt</i>
<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Janice Randall

Dianne Barker Harrold