



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, January 12, 2026

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Tehee gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Danny Callison; Daryl Legg; Ashley Grant ; Uriah Grass; Clifton Hughes; Johnny Kidwell ; Kendra McGeady; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

Absent 1 - Kevin Easley Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Brittany Denny-Davis

Ms. Kirby offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hughes inquired about a food distribution center Jay.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided highlights from Water and Sanitation along with updates from the current road and sidewalk projects. He offered to answer any questions.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Todd Enlow

Mr. Enlow gave highlights from the report including updates on the rehab projects and low rent sites. He announced at the end of last week they received a grant specific to veterans. A grant for Cherry Tree thirty-seven assigned homes. He announced we are the only tribe to close on a Section 184 skilled worker program. The Sequoyah Heights project is almost ready to turn over to elders. He offered to answer any questions. Councilor Hughes inquired if the Housing Authority can build modular homes. Councilor Shotpouch read a note from a citizen. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the response to the revamped I-save program. Chair McGeady commented on the grants received. She requested an update on South Coffeyville.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman gave appreciation to the Council who supported a Veteran at the Christmas Event. The Spring Warrior Flight is scheduled for April 21st. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Kidwell expressed gratitude for the veterans community meeting at Hard Rock last week. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the dates and restrictions for the Valentines for Vets.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [26-005](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Councilor Hughes moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Poindexter moved to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:31 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Chelbie Turtle</i>
<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Sheila Bowlin</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
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