



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, February 11, 2013

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 4 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to approve the January 14, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb announced they have hired the new Director for the CDC Program. They have purchased wood burning stoves through the LIHEAP Program for the elderly and disabled clients. They are in the process of issuing the first Elder in Need funding for 2013. She announced the Foyil Senior Nutrition Center will be changing locations. She provided final numbers for the Coat Voucher Program. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the hiring of elder advocates. Councilor Thornton requested the emergency forms be reevaluated. A list of hired elder advocates with contact information and if they are bilingual for each district was requested.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Thornton requested a list of previous rehab participants. Mr. Qualls announced negotiated rule

making is coming up this summer with HUD. There are currently new HUD regulations one of which the change of the useful life requirement. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a list of the At Large community meetings. She voiced concern for a meeting recently held with no previous information provided and requested information regarding that meeting including the budget. Councilor Coates inquired about the upcoming COTTA conference and the At Large participation. Chair Lay inquired about storm shelters for the apartment and housing areas.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper gave the disclosures for the month. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. He stated he would work with Mr. Qualls on storm shelters for the low rent housing. Councilor Keener inquired about a timeline for a new home applicant. Mr. Cooper gave an over view of the information provided in the report regarding the housing applicant list. Councilor Snell inquired about the process for selling a home that was built on tribal land and not the homeowners land. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of homes being built in Tulsa and Rogers County. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested an overview of the mortgage process for the new homes.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided an update on the ongoing road and bridge projects. Councilor Fullbright inquired about the status of the Bradley Ford Bridge. Councilor Garvin inquired about the status of Ross Road in Ft. Gibson. Councilor Snell inquired about the Colcord School Road and request he move forward on the Sewer Road as discussed. Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation to the quick response on the issues at Will Rogers Downs. Councilor Thornton inquired about the status of Moonshine Road and Dwight Mission Road.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight provided a handout of upcoming community workshops. She provided an update on the Oklahoma Mortgage Program. Councilor Thornton inquired about raising the \$15,000 for the Mortgage Assistance Program. Councilor Coates commented she has received a request for the 184 Program to be extended into the District of Columbia area.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-020](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. After discussion was held Councilor Cowan Watts requested a timeline of when to expect the other counties would be updated. Mr. Lynn requested this go to full Council this evening.

The motion to approve and send to full Council this evening carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:46 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Marsha Lamb
Billy Hix
Anna Knight
Michael Lynn
Diane Kelley*

*Elizabeth Odell
Terrisa Muskrat
Ron Qualls
David Pruitt
Sara Hill*

*Gary Cooper
Chelsea Wilson
Robert Endicott
Dr. Gloria Sly*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Raymond Vann

Farrell Prater

Ollie Starr