



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

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Monday, July 15, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Canaan Duncan

**Late Arrival** 4 - Shawn Crittenden; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve the June minutes as submitted.  
Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb announced the clothing voucher program applications will stop on July 31st. The LIHEAP summer payments will go out July 19th to the vendors. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Crittenden inquired about incentive pay.*

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher gave an overview of the report provided. She commended Pam Bakke on their work with the Hero Project. She provided highlights from the youth and adult services reports. She reported they completed an analysis for the Department of Transportation. She commented on the Veteran's Health Project that she has been involved with along with other National projects.*

## Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced they received approval from HUD to expand the Section 184 Loan Program into additional counties. The College Housing Program applications are ready and will be accepted from July 29th through August 9th. He announced they were awarded an IDCBG grant for approximately \$1ml to provide rehab to elderly families. They are applying for a competitive grant that would be for new construction. For the month ending of May the Housing Authority had 216 employees with 98.6% Native American employment. Chair Lay inquired about the length of time a lien is placed when work is performed. He inquired if the liens are Cherokee Nation or federal rules. He requested the section of the federal regulations pertaining to the liens. If someone with a homeowner has a lien and wants to get a VA loan, what are the options. He inquired about the lien process if he homeowner passes away. Councilor Shambaugh inquired what funds are available for rehab that are not federal. Councilor Shaw inquired if both spouses are required to be included on the lien.*

## Roads &amp; Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn gave an updates on Malloy Hollow Road and Rocky Mountain School Bridge both in Adair County, NE Ft. Gibson Road, Grace Hudlin Road and the Ross Street Project in Cherokee County, The Turnpike Bridge in Craig County and the Leach Kenwood Road in Delaware County. They have submitted a grant to the Federal Transit Administration for three new transit vehicles. The Semi-Annual project and status report has been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. They are closely monitoring the Transportation Reauthorization bill.*

## Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

## Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported on a new initiative "Bank On" for non-bank users. They are working on the VITA program. They are also working on the Ross Program also known as the Financial Empowerment Program. Councilor Byrd gave appreciation for the work on the Section 184 loan expansion. Clarification was asked on the counties it has been expanded to and why just those four counties. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the KAWI Café and the Art Center and if there is a charge for the art classes also if the employees of the Cherokee Nation are paid to do the classes. Councilor Byrd gave appreciation for the space available for our artists.*

## Indian Child Welfare - Lou Stretch

*Ms. Limore reported there has been an increase in homes as reflected in the report provided. She commented on the heirloom seeds and how the foster kids are enjoy them. One Fire Victim Services has hired a Life Coach through a grant to help with tutoring, GED's and mock job interviews. She also reported on the equine therapy that is offered. This Thursday is Charles Head Day, each year on his birthday they release butterflies to honor our victims of abuse and to remember him in a program that he was instrumental in starting. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the process to meet with the Life Coach.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Stretch announced they wrapped up their annual conference yesterday. Councilors Shaw and Hatfield commented on the conference success.*

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

*Ms. Foreman was not present to report.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*Chair Lay announced each item of new business needs to be moved to Full Council this evening and to please make that request a part of the motion to approve.*

1. [19-037](#) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND  
**Councilor Anglen moved to approve and forward to full Council this evening. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [19-038](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING FOR BRIDGE #249 OVER HORSEPEN CREEK IN TULSA COUNTY, OK.  
**Councilor Austin moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
3. [19-039](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
**Councilor Taylor moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:02 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Billy Hix</i>    | <i>Todd Enlow</i>      | <i>Diane Kelley</i>  |
| <i>Taryn King</i>   | <i>Kevin Stretch</i>   | <i>Michael Lynn</i>  |
| <i>Anna Knight</i>  | <i>Martha Ketcher</i>  | <i>Patien Qualls</i> |
| <i>Todd Hembree</i> | <i>Bill John Baker</i> | <i>Nikki Limore</i>  |

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Farrell Prater*

*Gary Cooper*

*Teddye Snell*

*Tahlina Nofire Blakestad*