



# 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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Thursday, February 26, 2015

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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**THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 11 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 4 - Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker and Curtis Snell

**Late Arrival** 2 - Tina Glory Jordan and Harley Buzzard

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the January 12th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb reported they will be taking the Adult and Youth applications out into the communities soon. She provided an Elders in Need Program update. They have been working with the Attorney General's office to develop Adult Protective Service codes. They are working on a date in March for the 1st year anniversary celebration of the Veteran's Center.*

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

*Mr. Qualls requested Mr. Pruitt provide an update on the Rehab program and some of the changes they are going to implement. Councilor Fishinghawk requested the*

*application process and forms for the rehab program.*

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper wasn't available to report.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn gave an update on the current road projects. He announced they recently held a public meeting on the Mud Valley Road project. Councilor Hargis inquired about Malloy Hollow. Councilor Garvin inquired about Ross Road in Muskogee County. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the completion dates for the bridges on Kenwood road. Chair Lay inquired about the special bridges funds changing from \$15,000 to \$7,500 as a follow up on a question from Councilor Buzzard. He also inquired about road signs for all of the clinics.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight provided an update on the VITA volunteer tax program. They are working on a tool to be able to better track the household and financial impact of the self-sufficiency counseling. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the MAP household statistics and the average mortgage payment. Councilor Buzzard inquired about vacant homes in Starr Addition in Jay. He inquired if there is a way to develop a list of the vacant homes and possibly be able to purchase them. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the number of MAP homes projected this year. Ms. Knight gave an update on the ISave Program.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-317](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: MAINTAINING TRUST AND/OR RESTRICTED STATUS WHEN BUILDING HOMES  
**Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to table indefinitely. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. After some discussion was held the motion carried with Councilors Coates, Keener, Garvin and Buzzard opposed.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-022](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HUMAN SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS FOR YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES AND PREVENTION AND DIVERSION SERVICES  
**Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
2. [15-024](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

**Councilor Byrd moved to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Hargis seconded with a request to forward to Council this evening. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:15 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>
<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>
<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Chad Harshaw</i>
<i>Chiefy Young</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>
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