



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, August 9, 2021

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the July regular session minutes. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Kirby announced she has Ms. Lou Stretch with ICW for any questions. She offered to answer question from the report provided. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the burial funding for the National Treasures and the possibility of setting a standardized amount. Councilor Coates inquired if there is a confirmation of award for the \$400 elder assistance. Ms. Kirby announced they are trying to safely get out the 2020 LIHEAP blankets and the 2021 blankets are on order. Councilor Buzzard inquired when the school clothing voucher program would kickoff and how the payments would be distributed. Councilor Austin commented the Council hasn't received the 2020 LIHEAP blankets. Councilor Dobbins inquired about assistance for disabled children who have aged out. Chair Shambaugh inquired as to the number of applications for the \$2,000. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the deadline for the clothing assistance. Councilor Coates inquired if the At Large are included in the clothing assistance program.

Ms. Stretch offered to answer questions of the Indian Child Welfare Department. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the following referred to in the report: children being removed from tribal land due to neglect, child death, and three near death. Councilor Smith inquired about the average number of hours spent on an investigation. Councilor Nofire inquired about their working relationship with Human Services.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave appreciation to the outgoing Councilors. He provided an update on their current projects. He reported they submitted a draft compact and funding agreement to the U.S. Department of Transportation. He offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Shambaugh inquired about the White House having infrastructure funds available for wastewater on tribal lands. Councilor Buzzard gave appreciation for the dollar amount of projects being included in the reports. Councilor Dobbins inquired if water and septic services are only available to Cherokee citizens. Councilor Deere inquired if pending finish dates could be included in the report also.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Ms. Killer offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Vazquez inquired about an application for an elder tiny home. Chair Shambaugh requested an update on the after-hours program.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Duncan made a motion to add a new business item, which has been provided today. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM

Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve and forward to the Council meeting this evening. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:48 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery
Lou Stretch

Todd Enlow
Jennifer Kirby

Michael Lynn
Anna Knight

VISITORS PRESENT:

Jerri Killer

Teddy Snell

Tim Brown