



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

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Monday, April 14, 2014

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Julia Coates

**Late Arrival** 3 - Tina Glory Jordan; Cara Cowan Watts and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 10th regular session minutes.**  
**Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb invited everyone to the First Senior Spelling Bee on April 28th at 9:00 a.m. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if an elder advocate had been hired and the number served at the Collinsville Food Distribution site.*

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

*Mr. Qualls provided a brief update on the Housing Rehab program. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an org chart be provided for the department including contact information. She also requested the policy for the rehab and replacement homes.*

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the Negotiated Rule Making will be next week. He announced there are two reauthorization bills being considered in the House. Councilor Cowan Watts requested confirmation on the number of homes currently built.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn announced they recently received notification of an award through the Federal Transit Administration to purchase five new CNG buses. A public meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night in Craig County at White Oak Public Schools regarding the North/South 4340 Road. The contract has been awarded for the Jay and Kenwood bridges. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about a bidder complaint/reconsideration filed in regard to the bridge projects. She inquired about the process when a complaint is filed. Councilor Buzzard inquired about our current transit fleet. Councilor Glory Jordan requested notification be given to this body if change orders are requested. Councilor Byrd inquired about the completion of the Nicutt North project.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Shay Smith gave some highlights from the report provided and provided additional information regarding the tax returns prepared. She commented she would provide by email information regarding a Youth Leadership Summit at the University of Arkansas. She stated they are still working to compile the employee loan information requested by Councilor Lay. The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Seminar starts next Tuesday. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about the open house for the Kawi Café. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the 184 loan program.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Keener moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution recognizing three Cherokee citizens. Councilor Glory Jordan commented a work group is being formed for recognitions and is an agenda item on the Rules agenda. She requested this item go through the work group. Councilor Keener stated he would like to move forward as it is time sensitive. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. A copy of the proposed resolution was provided regarding the Oklahoma Magazine 2014 Class of 40 under 40. After discussion was held the motion to amend failed with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 7 - Lee Keener Jr.; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker and Curtis Snell

**Nay:** 7 - Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Frankie Hargis ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

**Abstain:** 2 - Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Councilor Glory Jordan commented once the work group is formed for the recognitions these three would be the first considered.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:50 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Ginger Brown</i>	<i>Chris Sams</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>
<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Mandy Scott</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Bill Andoe</i>	<i>Shelly Butler Allen</i>	<i>Mike Pruitt</i>

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Mr. John Masters</i>	<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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