



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 13, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and Cara Cowan Watts

Late Arrival 2 - Tina Glory Jordan and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the March 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report handed out. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification between the Elder Program and the Adult Community Service Grant. Councilor Keener inquired about the senior advocate in Rogers County. Councilor Hargis commended the Human Services staff for their efforts at Inter-Tribal last week.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls provided an update on the NAHASDA reauthorization and those effects on rehab. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the process for the lien and the term of the lien. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a process for projects below the 10% threshold. He inquired about the TERO shortage on the rehab projects. Councilor

Keener inquired when tribal funding is used on rehab projects and the amount of those funds remaining. He also inquired about the status of the storm shelters through NAHASDA funds. Councilor Keener requested a report of the number of storm shelters installed last year and the policy requirements. Councilor Thornton inquired about non TERO contractors bidding on the rehab projects. He also voiced concern for the length of time for water and sanitation. Councilor Hargis requested a report for rehab broke down just like the report just provided by water and sanitation. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the requirement for non TERO contractors to bid twice is our requirement or HUD. Chair Lay requested the TERO group be present at the next meeting for questions. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the rehab report and water and sanitation report include the date of application. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the shortfall of water and sanitation funds over the last couple of years. Chair Lay inquired about using some of the Career Services construction trade participants to do some of the smaller jobs in which they have trouble getting TERO bids from.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided a brief update on the NAHASDA reauthorization. The Negotiated Rule Making Committee is scheduled to start meeting again in August. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the college housing assistance program. Councilor Fullbright commented on the new housing addition in Marble City. Councilor Lay inquired about the lots in Nowata given to us by the city.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn highlighted the Ross Road, CNI access road, Kenwood bridges and the Wickliffe Bridge. He announced they attended a retirement reception for the Director of Tribal Coordination at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Several members of the Roads Department teamed up with the Great American Clean Up and collected trash along Bald Hill Road and W810 Road last Friday. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Keener requested contact information for the new director. Chair Lay requested signs for road participation up north. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the county commissioner orientation.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported for Ms. Knight. She updated the number of families who have been assisted with the tax preparation service. She gave a brief overview of the I-Save Program. They are working with Sequoyah High School and the Education Department for a Match Saving Program for twenty-seven high school students. Councilors inquired if the saving programs are income based.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-328](#) DISCUSSION ONLY: BRIDGE / ACCESS PROJECTS FUNDING

Councilor Buzzard commented after discussion with the Speaker the thoughts are the best way to address getting the bridge and access funding back to \$15,000 is through the budget hearing process this fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:18 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Mark Vance</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>George Roach</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Kathy Kilpatrick</i>	<i>Janice Randall</i>
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