



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Monday, May 11, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr.; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the April 13th regular session minutes.
Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported the new advocate for Tulsa and Rogers counties is hired and now on site. They are making arrangements for the next veteran's trip to Washington D.C. The Veterans Memorial Day Service will be held on the 22nd of May. They are in the process of working on an Elders Summit to be held on June 15th. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the process for getting someone recognized as a Cherokee Warrior at the Council meetings. Councilor Snell requested Jerry Snell attend the meeting next month to discuss headstones. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the replacement of the Veteran's Center director. He also requested a copy of the burial policy guidelines. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the expansion of the Collinsville food distribution center and requested a breakdown of where the participants are from. She requested clarification on the burial assistance

program qualifications. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the Nowata nutrition center budget and hours.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Lynn reported in the absence of Mr. Qualls. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the rehab report be broken down just like the water and sanitation report. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if new homes and rehab also get water and sanitation. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about TERO changes to make the emergency rehab jobs easier. Discussion was held regarding TERO issues pertaining to rehab situations and possible recommendations. Clarification was given regarding the water and sanitation program, prioritization, and the income requirements. Councilor Glory Jordan requested an additional column added to the report showing the status of the project.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

No one was present to report.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided an update on the current road projects. The county commissioner orientation was held April 30th with a great turn out. Councilor Fullbright inquired about emergency funds to assist with all of the road issues due to the excessive rain recently. Councilor Garvin inquired about signage on Ross Road. Councilor Buzzard requested reprioritization on the Bull Hollow Road where the buffalo are kept.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight gave the highlights of the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the mortgage assistance can be used in conjunction with the 184 loan. He requested clarification on some of the numbers given on the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include two resolutions. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Chair Lay requested Ms. Barker Harrold give an overview of the proposed Indian Child Welfare changes. The motion carried.

1. [15-044](#)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED CHANGES MADE BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO STRENGTHEN THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT OF 1978

Councilor Cowan Watts requested additional information and all councilors present requested to be added as sponsors.

2. [15-045](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. A request was made for this to move to full Council this evening. The motion carried. Mr. Lynn gave an overview of the changes.

1. [15-044](#)

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Councilor Hargis moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. After discussion was held and clarification was given Councilor Cowan Watts proposed the following amendments in the title and the be it resolved clause to include (BIA-2015-001). After discussion was held Councilor Cowan Watts withdrew her motion. Councilor Coates offered a friendly amendment to change the sentence structure of the title to switch the last two lines. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Keener offered a friendly amendment to include "the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978" to the title. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lay announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15th at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Snell moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:32 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Chris Sams</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Jon Smith</i>	<i>Pam Bakke</i>
<i>Chad Harshaw</i>	<i>Brad Eubanks</i>	<i>Micahel Lynn</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Cheryl Brown</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>		