



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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Wednesday, July 29, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; 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 and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - Julia Coates and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the June 15, 2015 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb announced today is the last day for the clothing vouchers and they have so far taken 5,109 applications. She gave appreciation for all of the Council support with this program. The coat vouchers will start sometime in August, she provided some clarification on this program. They are in the process of finalizing the Veteran's trip on September 22-24 to Washington D.C. Councilor Byrd requested a comparison in clothing vouchers from last year to this year. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if Collinsville would be considered for the clothing voucher program next year. Ms. Lamb provided a copy of the revised burial program policy. She commented on the Children's Farmers Market held in Vinita recently. Councilor Garvin commented there are several elders requesting a bus trip on the same route as the Remember the Removal Bike ride.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Pruitt reported in the absence of Mr. Qualls. He reported the IHP is completed and will be presented to the Council later in August. HUD will visit the Cherokee Nation and Housing Authority in August to conduct an onsite monitoring and review of some of the NAHASDA programs. He extended an invite to the HUD entrance and exit meetings for the Council along with the tribal leaders and HACN board. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the extension on the IHP deadline. Councilor Fullbright gave appreciation for the replacement homes in Sequoyah County. Chair Lay inquired about the number of replacement homes in 2016 IHP. Councilor Byrd inquired about the requirements for the replacement homes.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced it is a requirement of HUD to visit every five years. He reported they began taking college housing applications on Monday and will continue through August 7th. They are working on a press release to open up the waiting list for the NAHASDA assisted units for homeownership in a couple of counties. This will be to fill homes that have been vacated for various reasons. He provided an update on the Negotiated Rule Making sessions. Clarification was requested on the College Housing program requirements. Councilor Byrd inquired if we have a program that gives preference to disabled veterans.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Barry Hood reported in the absence of Mr. Lynn. He gave an update on the active road projects.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight gave an update on the number of MAP loans projected for the year. She gave an update on the changes provided on the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:39 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Lamb
Willard Mounce
Barbara Foreman
Chris Sams

Anna Knight
David Pruitt
Claud Stover
Billy Hix

Barry Hood
Tom Elkins
John Paden

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Cooper
Keith Austin

Lisa Long

Teddye Snell