



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, August 10, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Keener gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 3 - Julia Coates; Cara Cowan Watts and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 3 - Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 29th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb announced they have purchased 20 air conditioners through the LIHEAP Program. They are reviewing to see if they will have funding available to purchase stoves for the fall.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls offered to answer questions from the report provided and requested a few moments to give an overview of the Indian Housing Plan submitted. He commented the funding for this IHP is flat in comparison to the previous year's funding. Councilor Walkingstick inquired as to why the extension was needed and not submitted by the original deadline.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Ms. Erna Reeves reported in the absence of Mr. Cooper. She provided an update on the current homes being built and those that have been completed. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the homes in West Siloam Springs. Chair Lay requested a breakdown of who is paying for the utilities and the building of the homes in West Siloam Springs. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on a rumor that elders have waited for years on a new home. Councilor Buzzard inquired if a convicted felon could qualify for the home ownership program.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided an overview of the current projects. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on the start and stop of the Cherokee county project listed. Councilor Garvin inquired about signage on Ross Road. He also inquired about the beetle issue on the road in Ft. Gibson.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced they are working to close an additional seventy families in the MAP program by September.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-058](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the rehab and rural rental. Councilor Thornton inquired about the number of replacement homes and if additional funds were needed for this program.
The motion to approve and forward to Council this evening carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:07 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Michael Lynn
Willard Mounce
Barbara Foreman
Claud Stover
Diane Kelley*

*Billy Hix
Canaan Duncan
Anna Knight
Erna Reeves*

*David Pruitt
Marsha Lamb
Ron Qualls
Linda O'Leary*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Dianne Barker Harrold
Cheryl Brown*

*Teddy Snell
Rex Jordan*

*Janice Randall
Bryan Warner*