



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, November 16, 2015

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Jack D. Baker

Late Arrival 1 - Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the October 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported the application process is over for the clothing vouchers but a day has been set for November 24th in Tahlequah for anyone who missed the other dates. They are accepting disabled and elder applications through the month of November for LIHEAP and if funding allows it will open up to all others who are income eligible in December. She requested assistance in locating WWII veterans. Councilor Buzzard suggested Ms. Lamb get the word out about our Cherokee Veteran tax exempt card.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. David Pruitt offered to answer questions from the report in the absence of Mr. Qualls. Councilor Buzzard requested an update in regard to getting contractors for the rehab jobs. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the number of rehabs this year versus last year. Councilor Hargis inquired about an applicant not being able to get water and sanitation services until March. Councilor Taylor inquired about issue with rehab services performed. Mr. Pruitt went over the different programs and what can be done with each and who qualifies for each as clarification.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper gave information on the veterans housing program and the possibility of it being implemented on the Native American side. He gave an update on the HUD review with no findings reported. Their annual employee Christmas get together will be held on the 17th of December. Councilor Crittenden inquired about a timeline for the new home ownership program. He also inquired about obtaining the deed of a home once it has been paid off. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about change orders on contracts. Councilor Buzzard requested further clarification on the veterans program. Councilor Thornton inquires about assisting felons with housing.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Barry Hood offered to answer questions from the report provided in the absence of Mr. Lynn. He gave highlights on the current projects. Councilor Taylor inquired about the apportionment breakdown between us and the UKB on the transit program. Councilor Hargis inquired about the status of the Malloy Hollow road. Councilor Thornton requested a report on the Moonshine road. Councilor Snell inquired about a closed bridge by Kenwood. Councilor Austin inquired about who would assist in signage for the Collinsville food distribution center and the trucks taking the wrong road through a neighborhood. Councilor Byrd inquired about the status of a meeting with Commissioner Hubbard in regard to Johnson Prairie Church. Councilor Crittenden inquired about getting the caution lights for the Red Bird Head Start and possibly Peavine also.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:51 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Willard Mounce
Gary Cooper
Chris Sams*

*Marsha Lamb
Claud Stover
Barry Hood*

*Anna Knight
David Pruitt
Canaan Duncan*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold

Teddye Snell