



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 11, 2016

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 13 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - David Walkingstick

Late Arrival 3 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 14th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reminded everyone the clothing voucher program begins in July and requested any additional locations requests be submitted soon. They are making plans for the annual September Warriors Flight. She announced they are planning a Veteran's resource fair. She gave appreciation to all of those who participated in the child abuse prevention month activities. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the roof leak at the child care center in Stilwell. He inquired about Indian Child Welfare reporting to this committee. Chair Lay requested ICW report to this committee monthly. Councilor Hargis inquired if the community youth grant application was available online. Councilor Byrd requested a certified veteran liaison at the Veteran's center.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Michael Lynn offered to field any questions in the absence of Mr. Qualls. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the transit for the Jay-Tahlequah route. He also asked about the water line proposal north of Kenwood. Mr. Hix commented they are in the process currently of updating their inventory list for FY2017 funding. Councilor Warner commented on water at the Sallisaw Creek Park. Councilor Taylor inquired what the status of pending refers to on the report provided.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the current road projects. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the Leach Kenwood roads had guard rail replacements. He also inquired about giving the guard rails to the county.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the Rehab department transfer. He also provided an update on the Deputy Assistant Secretary of HUD position. He gave a heads up that the Indian Housing Plan would be coming for review and approval soon. Councilor Garvin inquired if the income guidelines have changed for the rehab projects. Councilor Hargis requested an update on the rehab employees in regard to the transfer from the Nation to the Housing Authority. She also inquired about the number of active rehabs, the number waiting and the new income guidelines. Discussion was held in regard to the backlog and sending programs to the HACN. They inquired about possible solutions to the backlog issues. Suggestion was made to use the Building Trades program.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided. She gave an update on the income tax preparation program.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Austin requested a few moments to allow Tami Jennings of the Children's Advocacy Center to express their gratitude for past support and their current needs.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.

The motion carried at 3:13 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Claud Stover</i>
<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Jon Smith</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>
<i>Janice Randall</i>		