



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, May 16, 2016

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

Late Arrival 3 - Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the April 11th regular session minutes.
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb announced they would have a Memorial Day celebration at the Veteran's Center on Memorial Day. She requested notification from the Veteran's on the Council who would like to participate on the Warrior's Flight trip this September. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there is an MOU at the Veteran's center. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the child support collections. Councilor Byrd inquired about finding someone with the same qualifications as Mr. Noble to assist with the Veterans. Councilor Hatfield inquired if you could still purchase bricks at the Veteran's memorial.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave an update from the report provided. He discussed imminent threat. He announced there are a few vacancies at the Sallisaw Tsa La Gi apartments.

Councilor Taylor requested clarification on a project she recently spoke about. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the possibility of dropping some of the tribal community funded projects due to the lack of funding.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. commented they are aware of some discussion regarding a rehab work group. He spoke of confidence of Mr. Cooper and the request for additional time for the Housing Authority to make changes needed in the recently obtained rehab program. Mr. Cooper gave an update on the negotiated rule making meetings. He discussed the wait for the reauthorization for NAHASDA. The National American Indian Housing Counsel Annual Convention was held last week. They are looking for the formation of a Tribal Advisory Committee at HUD. Chair Lay inquired if the Housing Authority Board meeting could be on the same day of one of the Council committee meetings to allow them to be able to attend. Councilor Garvin inquired about how to address a problem with a pit bull in a Housing Authority addition. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if participants of the new home ownership program are given the contractors contact information. He inquired about the cost of the new homeowner housing option with a two car garage.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the current road projects. Councilor Taylor inquired about bids being awarded for the transit buses. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the transit buses will go out of the jurisdiction.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced they will have a self-sufficiency counselor will be working out of the Stilwell Career services office two to three days a week. The Tax Preparation program is complete and the final numbers will be provided at a later date. They are currently working out the details for a homeownership fair that will be held both in the Northern area and Southern area. Councilor Warner inquired about the average loan size of the consumer loans for small business. Councilor Vazquez gave appreciation for the quick response to some citizens in her district recently.

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore provided handouts of additional reporting information. Chair Lay inquired in regard to confidentiality what could and could not be discussed in this committee. Ms. Limore provided a few corrections within the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of cases in jurisdiction versus out of jurisdiction.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:05 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>JR Claphan</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>John Paden</i>
<i>Claud Stover</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Tom Elkins</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Tommy Hearn</i>
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