



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*  
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Monday, August 15, 2016

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

**Absent** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb requested Kara Whitworth, the Director of Child Support, to give a brief overview of her program. Ms. Whitworth introduced Sara Quetone as the Program Manager. They provided a packet of information and gave an overview. Several follow-up questions were asked about the program. August is National Child Support Awareness Month. Councilor Walkingstick voiced concern for the Clothing Voucher program using Stage stores only. Ms. Lamb reported they served close to 7,000 children with the clothing vouchers this year. She provided an update on the Veterans trip this fall.*

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

*Mr. Qualls announced Jackie Copin has taken the position recently vacated by Ashley Canoe. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor*

*Buzzard inquired about the Kenwood waterline and sewer line being contracted.*

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper reported they are processing all of the college housing applications. They are in the process of updating fifty families currently for housing rehab. The housing rehab staff here in Tahlequah will be relocated to the model homes. Councilor Thornton inquired if the applications for the rehab program using the discretionary funds have changed. He inquired about a report from the Council work group in regard to housing rehab. Questions were asked in regard to how many of the fifty applications for rehab were elderly and how many other rehab applications remain. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the process when a contractor turns back projects. He also inquired what happened to the old air conditioners once replaced. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the process for rehab. He also inquired about the rental assistance program and the empty homes in the Hogner Heights and Bushyhead additions.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn gave a brief update on some of their current projects. Councilor Austin requested clarification on Sequoyah West.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight announced a home buyers fair will be held on October 10th. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

*No one present to report.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:08 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Kara Whitworth</i>
<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Sara Quetone</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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