

Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dick Lay, Chair

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Tuesday, February 21, 2017

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; David

Thornton, Sr.; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen;

Bryan Warner; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the January 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb announced tentative dates of September 17th-20th for this year's Warrior Flight. The LIHEAP blankets have been ordered. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard questioned why elders have to complete a new application each time they come in for assistance. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the Cherokee Parents Program.

2. Community Services - Ron Qualls

Mr. Lynn reported for Mr. Qualls. He offered to take questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the water funding from the Indian Health Services. He inquired if Indian Health Services could be reimbursed with tribal funds. Councilor Buzzard inquired if a citizen always has to complete a new application.

3. Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported on the NAHASDA reauthorization. He offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about always needing a new application for citizens. He inquired about the Negotiated Rule Making session and how their population data is obtained. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the status of a new home in the HWY 100 area where the construction company cutting the phone lines. Councilor Hargis inquired if a survey is sent to the new home owners and if not can one be started.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported on January 17th they attended an Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Council and Advisory Board meeting. A ribbon cutting was held on the Jay Kenwood road and the four bridges along that road on the 18th. A meeting was held on the Dwight Mission road project in Sequoyah County. A utility meeting was held on the Lost City road project. They attended a roll out meeting for the 25CFR Part 170 and how the new guidelines will be implemented and interpreted by the Federal Highway Administration and the BIA. Mr. Lynn reported they attended a meeting here in Tahlequah on the Ross Street project and the Hastings clinic expansion. Lastly they met with the engineer on the Moonshine Road. He provided an update on the Tenkiller School Road, Leach Kenwood Road, and the Grace Hudlin Road. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on Welling Road. He inquired about the possibility of getting a traffic light on the highway in front of Woodall School. Councilor Vazquez requested an update on the Craig County NS 4340 road. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the funding source for a couple of bridges. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the artifacts found on a road project. Chair Lay inquired who paid for the traffic light at Sequoyah High School.

- 5. Public Comments: Road Issues Michael Lynn
- 6. Commerce Housing Report Anna Knight

Ms. Marie Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided. She reported the homebuyers fair dates have changed from what is stated in the report. The now tentative date for the homebuyers fair is the 21st of April. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the Section 184 participants can also apply for the Mortgage Assistance Program.

7. Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

No one was present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. TMP-345 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE COAT AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

Councilor Walkingstick moved to table. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:40 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Sams Michael Lynn Marsha Lamb Canaan Duncan Willard Mounce Chad Harshaw

Marie Smith

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell Rocky Miller Gary Cooper

Jay Neugin Dianne Barker Harrold