



# 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 16, 2018

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 2 - Wanda Hatfield and Bryan Warner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 12th regular session. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

*Councilor Buzzard requested the Veterans Center report quarterly to this committee.*

Community Services - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn announced Mr. Qualls retired last month and he is the Interim Executive Director of Community Services. He offered to answer questions from that report. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the road to Sequoyah's Cabin being included in our inventory. He also requested clarification on a funding request for an MOA in the report provided.*

## Roads &amp; Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn gave an update on the road projects and offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the Ross road will be complete when the clinic expansion is complete. He voiced concern for the ongoing issue with the Delaware County road with the contractor issue being out of compliance. He requested the body be notified if this contractor submits another bid. Councilor Shambaugh agreed with Councilor Buzzard's request and inquired about the project completion date. Councilor Smith inquired if the easement letters have been sent out on the Dwight Mission road.*

## Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper reported on the HUD funding allocations and the Indian Housing Plan. He reported they still have spots open on the VASH program. He announced there is a new line item in the budget Congress passed specifically for new construction or rehabilitation type projects. Councilor Walkingstick touched on a building trades program through the military that works in conjunction with tribes. Councilor Baker Shaw requested clarification on the new home construction. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on HB1334 where schools can donate any excess land to housing authorities. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they were considering storm shelters for the housing additions. Councilor Crittenden requested additional information on the military building trades program.*

## Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

## Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight provided an update on the VITA tax return program. The Youth Entrepreneur Business Plan Contest is still on for next week at Sequoyah High School and also in Claremore at the Tech Center. She highlighted the information reported in regard to the self-sufficiency counseling statistics.*

## Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

*Ms. Tammy Haley offered to answer questions from the ICW report.*

## Community &amp; Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

*Mr. Daugherty offered to answer questions from the report provided. He announced a lunch and learn session will be held on the 19th with the topic being cemetery headstone preservation. On the 24th they will be in Westville for a cultural presentation and at Drycreek in May. Councilor Anglen requested an email pertaining the lunch and learn session on the 19th.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Baker Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:55 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

*Tammy Miller  
Jennifer Kirk  
Anna Knight*

*Rob Daugherty  
Michael Lynn  
Gary Cooper*

*Marsha Lamb  
Billy Hix  
Tammy Haley*

## VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tahlina Nofire Blakestad*

*Teddye Snell*