

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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Monday, October 15, 2018	4:00 PM	Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner; Keith Austin; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 3 - David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the September 10th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shambaugh voiced concern for a staff issue he recently encountered. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the child support portion of the report on page 15.

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher announced they have begun their 2019 budget cycle and their annual appropriations for the year. They have made significant progress with their Delaware projects. They are meeting with potential partnerships in West Siloam Springs. There may be a potential pilot project with the Public Health Foundation. She provided highlights on the youth development and adult activities over the recent month.

Councilor Buzzard inquired about the change in the Indian Health Service rating system on FDS.

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported on the HUD Vash Program renewal and gave the application dates for the college housing program. He also provided an update on the continuing resolution for all HUD appropriations. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw commented on their trip to DC to lobby for additional funding to expand the Section 184 loan jurisdiction.

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the active construction projects. Councilor Byrd inquired about Mud Valley Road.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore handed out a packet of foster family recruitment cards. She stated they currently have approximately ninety-five children in Cherokee Nation custody. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hargis gave appreciation for the recent help given in a situation. Councilor Taylor commented on the changes in the average response time reported. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the impact the Texas ICW decision would affect us. Assistant Attorney General, Alayna Farris, state a report would be given at the next Rules committee. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the staff situation. He requested clarification on the McIntosh Home and a group home.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty offered to answer questions from the report provided. He announced Greasy Community will have a corn maze on Saturdays. The Oakhill Piney Community will have a stickball game on October 28th, Halloween festivities on the 31st and a Veteran's dinner on November 12th. The COTTA Grants are due by October 26th. Councilor Byrd requested his departments attendance at the District 1,2, and 3 community meeting this Thursday on the 18th at the Tahlequah Community Building.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman offered to answer questions from the report provided. Several comments were made on the successful Veteran's Warrior Flight. Ms. Foreman commented about extending invitations to all the past Warrior Flight participants to attend their annual Christmas program at the Veteran's Center. On November the 9th they will have their Veteran's Appreciation Day. On December 22nd will be their Christmas Program. She has been contacted by the Choctaws in regard to doing their own Warrior Flight. She gave appreciation to the staff of the Community Service Department and Job Corp who assisted in the Veteran's Food Outreach. The next bingo night is scheduled for the 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Byrd announced there is a meal ready for the Council in our kitchen. A reception for Sequoyah's 3A State Girls Softball Champions is today at 5:30 outside the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:20 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Lamb	Nikki Limore	Anna Knight
Chris Sams	Tammy Miller	Rob Daugherty
Debbie Nodine	Michael Lynn	Billy Hix
Canaan Duncan	Barbara Foreman	Martha Ketcher
Alayna Farris	Chuck Hoskin Jr.	

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Cooper Tal

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