



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Monday, December 17, 2018

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Dick Lay; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner
; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike
Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith;
Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - Rex Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the November 13th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb showed the Council the 2019 LIHEAP blanket which will be available in February. She reported they are currently taking LIHEAP applications to the end of December. She reported on the Youth Services Program. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Hatfield inquired if there are services for At Large citizens in disaster situations. Councilor Smith inquired about the citizens who lost their donated foods during the tornado.

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher passed out gourd ornaments for the Council made by the Youth Development and Adult Resident Program. She gave highlights from the report

provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired about a group of people with contaminated water and the process for them to get help.

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced they will be accepting Spring college housing applications from January 2nd to the 18th. He provided clarification that citizens living on trust or restricted land are eligible to receive rehab services. He also clarified some citizens with felony convictions are eligible for services. Mr. Cooper provided an update of their employment numbers as of the end of October of 229 employees with 98.7% Native American employment. He reported on the recently completed modernization project completed at the Claremore Senior Citizen Apartments. The next project will be at Sportsman Acres in Pryor. He reported on the federal government continuing resolution and how it affects them. He gave highlights from the emergency rehab requests and other assistance needed resulting from the recent tornado. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on some of the items touched on by Mr. Cooper. He also requested in the future if there is a disaster of some type that there always be someone in the office during the normal working hours. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the storm shelter program. He inquired about a family applying for new construction and being denied due to having previously letting a home go back. He inquired about the Housing Authority being able to purchase vacated homes. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation is an external non-profit organization, state charter. Are you under any of the three branches of the Cherokee Nation government. Are you accountable to any of the three branches of government. Councilor Shambaugh commented about looking into FEMA trailers for the tornado victims. Councilor Shaw inquired if the Housing Authority has an emergency plan and if so was it implemented during the tornado.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Warner made a motion to amend the agenda to include an ICDBG grant resolution. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

18-092

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR CH. IX (01/01/2003 EDITION) 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be included as sponsors. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Lay requested input from the body in regard to the remaining reports. Speaker Byrd suggested waiving the remaining reports unless there are specific questions or information to report that can't wait.

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the Piney Bridge.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Warner moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 5:15 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Paiten Qualls</i>	<i>Martha Ketcher</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Christina Carroll</i>	<i>Chris Sams</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taylor Edwards</i>	<i>Tammie Haley</i>

VISITORS PRESENT: