



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, January 14, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Late Arrival 1 - Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve the December 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired about the nutrition services, if there were home delivery options, if guests were allowed and if the employees also get to eat. Councilor Crittenden requested an additional advocate in the Stilwell office. Councilor Hatfield questioned the number of vacancies listed in the report.

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher offered to answer question from the report provided. She announced the passing of long time employee Robert Mouse.

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported the college housing applications are still open until this Friday. He gave clarification on the emergency access funds set aside for the council. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the age for someone to be considered an elder.

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired about the transit program and how often they consider new or alternate routes. Councilor Buzzard inquired when they priority rating system changes and requested a copy of the current rating system. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the Piney bridge.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced tomorrow they will start taking applications for the VITA program. They received a Ross Grant which will allow them to have three employees at the Housing Authority to provide financial education and connect them with fee sources. She reported on the federal government shutdown impacts on home loans. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on which banks do the Section 184 loans.

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

Ms. Limore offered to answer questions from the report provided. She reported the tribe currently has 112 kids in tribal custody. The increase in numbers are due to meth and other drug related issues. They are undergoing a reorganization to be able to take care of the additional children. Councilor Hatfield inquired how close they work with DHS and/or Human Services. She also inquired if we have a women's shelter. Councilor Smith inquired about grandparents' rights.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Daugherty offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw requested confirmation on the open house tomorrow. She also inquired if there are any grants available for the At Large community groups. Councilor Hatfield commented on the newsletter.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about and suggested the Honor Guard/Color Guard be placed under the Veteran's Program. Councilor Shaw inquired about the number of veterans being honored tonight at the Council meeting. She inquired if the recipients are able to use the stairs in the Council Chambers. She inquired why the Council Chambers aren't handicapped accessible. Councilor Byrd stated there is a feasibility study to make the chambers ADA compliant. Ms. Foreman gave some background on the reasoning for honoring 14 Veterans tonight at the Council Chambers. Chair Lay commented at one time the Council had \$4m to build their own standalone Council House. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the Color Guard had transportation provided for them. He also commented on the need for a standalone Council House. He commented on the

number of veterans being seen at the clinics versus the number of veterans with tax exempt cards. Councilor Austin inquired about the metals of patriotism awarded by mail referred to in the report. He requested each Councilor be notified when a veteran will be honored by mail within their district. Councilor Byrd gave a background on the reasoning for the Veterans to be honored during the Council meeting. Now with having a Veteran's Center it needs to be determined if it stays in the Chambers or moves to the Veterans Center. He also provided some background on the funds the Council had for the new Council House and how they were spent. Councilor Smith requested an update on the Veteran memorial bricks. Councilor Hatfield inquired about replacing the broken or faded bricks. Ms. Foreman requested help in finding WWII and Korean Veterans to go on the September honor flight. She announced this Thursday they will have bingo at 5:00 p.m., their Valentines event will be held on the 13th and the Valentine's for Vets are due by February the 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

none pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Jordan announced he has worked with Matt Meredith and Lake Region has agreed to defer their member's payments if they have been affected by the shutdown.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 5:16 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taylor Edwards</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Rob Daugherty</i>
<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Billy Hix</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Martha Ketcher</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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