



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Dick Lay, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Monday, May 13, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; 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; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the April 15th minutes. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

*Ms. Lamb reported the Clothing Voucher Program, for this year, will end at the end of the month. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw inquired about the Cherokee Nation having a SNAP Program.*

Community Services - Martha Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Shaw requested additional information on the medical lock boxes provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there are income guidelines for the vouchers. He also inquired about the amount awarded for the housing support funds. Ms. Ketcher followed up on CHR funding from last month.*

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

*Chair Lay announced Mr. Cooper is on his way to Washington D.C. therefore his written report will stand.*

Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn gave project updates from the report provided. He provided clarification from questions at the last meeting pertaining to the Leach Kenwood Road. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the Leach Kenwood project. He also inquired about homeowners along the Lion Switch Road who will have some of their yards/land taken. Councilor Crittenden requested contact be made with KATS to see if they could be more frequent in the Westville area. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the penalties for the Leach Kenwood Road. He commented we needed to tighten the TERO law in regard to companies getting additional bids once they show a poor performance or don't complete their work. Council Attorney Nofire Blakestad read the portion of the TERO law pertaining to the debarment list within the Procurement Department. The Procurement Department reports to Finance. Councilor Buzzard requested information on the bidding of the Leach Kenwood Road. He also asked about the Piney Bridge and assisting Delaware County. Councilor Byrd commented on delinquency. Councilor Walkingstick inquired how to start the debarment process for a company.*

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

*Ms. Smith reported on the new Ross Grant from HUD they received. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Indian Child Welfare - Nikki Baker Limore

*Ms. Limore provided information, a proclamation and a lapel pin for Foster Care Awareness Month. Councilor Hatfield requested clarification on the stats reported in the report. Councilor Austin commented on information provided in the proclamation. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the status of the McIntosh Home. Councilor Shambaugh requested an update if possible on the ICWA cases in Arkansas and Texas. Councilor Crittenden commented on the truancy issue and the possibility of forming a work group.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Stretch reported we have lost seven Cherokee speakers over the last month. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hatfield requested clarification on the technical assistance provided as referred to in the report. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the technical assistance could be provided to stomp grounds and Cherokee churches. Councilor Shaw commented on the amazing job done by the CCO staff at the recently held California At Large meetings. Councilor Byrd gave appreciation to the CCO staff for the recently held event in the Belfonte and Nicutt areas.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Shambaugh commented some of the questions and concerns aren't necessarily aimed at the presenters.*

*Mr. Todd Enlow announced the Cherokee Night at the Drillers Stadium has been rescheduled to July 19th.*

*Mr. Enlow bragged on Sally Foster and her crew recruiting foster care families at our community events.*

*Councilor Walkingstick introduced Mr. Poindexter a citizen from Adair County who has set through our meetings all do to observe and learn.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 5:03 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Martha Ketcher</i>	<i>Paiten Qualls</i>
<i>Billy Hix</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>
<i>Kevin Stretch</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	

## VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
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