



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Tuesday, October 15, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the September minutes as submitted.

Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb reported they are taking LIHEAP applications the months of October and November for the elderly and disabled, if funding allows they will open the program to crisis situations. She provided an update on the clothing voucher program and the Elder and Angel trees. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the elder tree applications. Councilor Vazquez asked if the elder tree is only located here at the complex. Councilor Deere gave appreciation for the assistance provided in a situation. He gave an update on the grave placard previously discussed.

Community Services/ Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported they are watching some proposed Department of Environmental Quality changes that may do away with perk testing and change to soil profiles. A

rabies vaccination will be held on November 2nd in the City of Tahlequah. The Ross Street ribbon cutting is tomorrow on the East end of the project. On October 29th a bid opening will be held for the Bell School bridges in Adair County. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Duncan inquired if additional staff certifications would be required with the soil profiles. Councilor Deere inquired about the ratio of the soil profile. Councilor Taylor inquired about the extent of our involvement with the Tahlepaws event. Councilor Smith commented on the event recently held in Webbers Falls. Councilor Shambaugh requested an update on the Piney Bridge. Councilor Byrd inquired about the road to Bull Hollow being paved.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the college housing applications and the new housing rehab applications. Councilor Crittenden inquired who to contact with issues at the Senior Housing Project in Stilwell.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported on the financial empowerment counselors on page 2 of the report and the More you Know section of the report. Ms. Knight reported on the Volunteer Tax Program and a new \$10,000 grant they received to assist that program. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is housing assistance for our veterans other than the VASH program. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the MAP Program numbers referred to in the report.

Indian Child Welfare - Lou Stretch

No one was present to report.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

No one was present to report.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. Joe Crittenden, offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire commented on the employee veteran's lunch recently held. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the Cherokee Veterans Cemetery. Councilor Patzkowski inquired about the attendance at the DAV mobile unit event held in September. Secretary Crittenden commented on the request for reserved parking for the veterans, allowing veterans in our museums at no charge and the KIOSK to locate the veteran bricks at the Veterans Memorial Garden. On October 17th Bingo will be held for the veterans and widows. A Patriotic event will be held November 8th. Councilor Nofire inquired if gifts are needed for the veteran's bingo. Comments were made on the Cherokee Veteran doing the coin flip at the University of Oklahoma versus Texas football game.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:57 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery
Michael Lynn
Barbara Foreman
Bryan Warner*

*Anna Knight
Billy Hix
Patien Qualls*

*Andy Quetone
Marsha Lamb
Joe Crittenden*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Cooper

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell