



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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Monday, December 16, 2019

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Smith gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - 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; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve as submitted. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Lamb provided a copy of the December nutrition community center newsletter for the Council. She provided an update on the LIHEAP program, the Elder Tree, and the Angel Tree. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about the number of homeless people in Cherokee County and how many are Cherokee. Councilor Nofire inquired about funding for guardianship assistance. He also inquired about counseling for our foster families. Councilor Smith inquired if there has been a change in the income guidelines.

Community Services/ Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard commented on the highlights portion of the report. He also requested the roads projects be more detailed in the report as they were in the past. Councilor Dobbins inquired about a

water project in Forum. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation for the Oakridge project. He requested an update on the Bell road.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Chair Shambaugh commented on the recent Housing Conference he attended. Mr. Cooper reported they will begin taking college housing applications on January 2nd through January 17th for the Spring semester.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced they are in the middle of training the staff for income tax returns. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **TMP-385** DISCUSSION ONLY - CEMETERY RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR UNMARKED GRAVES
Councilor Deere provided a handout showing the amount of unused funding from 2018 and 2019 and referenced a book of Cherokee unmarked graves. He reminded everyone of the sample of engraving he provided awhile back. Chief Hoskin stated the Executive Branch is in support and would like to move forward as a pilot project.
Following several questions Secretary of Natural Resources, Chad Harsha, commented they would put together several proposals and bring back to the Council for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Hoskin announced on January 22nd the Bracken ICW Case will be heard by the 5th Circuit in New Orleans. He extended an invitation to the Council to attend and support.

Chair Shambaugh announced he wouldn't be at the meeting tomorrow or the Christmas Social as he would be attending his son's graduation.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:46 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Lamb

Todd Enlow

Anna Knight

Tina Glory Jordan

Bryan Warner

Taralee Montgomery

Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Andy Quetone

Billy Hix
Chad Harsha

Michael Lynn

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Cooper

Tim Brown

Teddy Snell