



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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Thursday, August 27, 2020

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Harley Buzzard; 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 and Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 3 - Joe Byrd; Rex Jordan and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve the July regular session minutes.
Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Marsha Lamb

Ms. Jennifer Kirby offered to answer questions from the report provided. Several Councilors requested clarification on the elder check disbursement and voiced some concerns with the process. Councilor Smith inquired about the 2020 LIHEAP blankets. Councilor Shaw inquired about funding for the disabled. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the percentage of sixty-two years and older who get LIHEAP.

Community Services/ Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided an update on their current projects in water & sanitation, roads, transportation and transit. Councilor Crittenden and Duncan gave appreciation on the immediate attention to the issue on Oak Ridge road. Councilor Buzzard inquired where the five new transit vans would be placed. He also inquired when the roads list

would be prioritized again.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported they have assisted 3,600 families with CARES funding to date. He gave an update on the College Housing Program. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Smith reported on the number of families they have assisted with income tax preparation this year. She announced they are able to assist in income tax preparation year around for anyone who still needs to file. She provided an update on the Economic Stimulus payments and those who owe back child support. They were recently notified by the USDA they will receive funding to assist the city of Jay with a road in the industrial park.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [20-041](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Patzkowski and Deere requesting to be added as sponsors. Mr. Cooper requested this resolution be forwarded to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:49 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>
<i>Shannon Buhl</i>		

<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Shay Smith</i>	<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

Tim Brown

Remote:

Gary Cooper