



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, November 16, 2020

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 12 - Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

Absent 2 - E. O. "JR." Smith and Rex Jordan

Late Arrival 3 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Deere and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the October regular session minutes as submitted. 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. Councilor Shaw inquired if there could be one central office or person to field questions instead of being transferred to multiple departments. Councilor Crittenden requested a status update on the elder checks and the clothing vouchers.

Community Services/ Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave an update on the current environmental, water and sewer projects as well as the current transportation and roads projects. He offered to answer questions

from the reports provided. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the average funding amounts from councilors on projects compared to what the county contributes. Councilor Buzzard inquired how the McGirt decision would effect the roads maintenance and priority system. Councilor Byrd commented on the newly repaired road behind the Cherokee Springs Golf Course. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they still put up signage for cooperative road projects. Councilor Shaw inquired about the responsibility of the road from the CCO building to Tahlequah.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Mr. Cooper announced he has accepted a position in DC and would be leaving the Housing Authority after twenty-two years. He welcomed Jerri Killer as the new Interim Executive Director. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw commented HUD-184 is still needed in other states.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Smith gave highlights on the Financial Empowerment Program. She reported the staff has been busy contacting Housing Authority residents who haven't yet received their economic stimulus checks. She announced the homeownership policy has been revamped and those who have been recently turned down should reapply. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a grant for the industrial park in Jay.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:45 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery Todd Enlow

Remote:

*Lou Stretch Jennifer Kirby
Michael Lynn Shay Smith*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Remote:

Gary Cooper

Jerri Killer