



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Monday, February 22, 2021

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Coates and Deere attended remotely.

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 Jordan made a motion to approve the January minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Kirby reported on the LIHEAP numbers for last year. Chair Shambaugh inquired when the checks would go out for the new program under the COVID relief funds. Chief of Staff Enlow provided additional information. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on those who applied for past COVID relief, do they qualify for this program. Are there still pending applications from previous COVID programs. Councilor Vazquez inquired if applying online is there any confirmation given. Councilor Shaw gave appreciation that this new program is available to the At Large citizens also. Chair Shambaugh requested clarification between the \$400 program and the \$1,200 program. Councilor Shaw inquired if ICW was now under Human Services. She voiced concern for the number of children served and response to notice. She

requested ICW report to this body. Chair Shambaugh requested ICW be present to report every other month as part of the Human Services report. Councilor Nofire commented the parents also have ICW issues in not knowing the procedures in how to get their child back.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided an update on the Roads projects, the Transit Program, and Water and Sanitation. He reported they are in the process of moving the Transit Program under Self-Governance. The Water and Sanitation staff were affected by a water line break in their offices. He commended Tracy Bluebird and Shelly McClain on their quick responses to the water leak issue. Councilor Buzzard asked why the move of the programs under self-governance and what are the advantages. He inquired if other tribes are doing the same. On the motor fuel tax roads funding each Councilor gets to allocate to their district, he requested additional signage on these roads showing who paid for the project. Councilor Byrd requested signage stating entering Cherokee Nation Reservation on State highways. He also inquired if there is a need to still place land in trust. Chair Shambaugh inquired about a program for citizens who have frozen and or burst pipes. Both Chair Shambaugh and Mr. Enlow gave appreciation to the emergency staff for their efforts during the snow storm. Councilor Crittenden commented on the wood burning LIHEAP numbers does not correctly reflect the need. Councilor Byrd if citizens are allowed to cut wood on tribal land. He suggested the tribe invest in a propane company. Councilor Deere commented some of the signage referred to earlier is owned by the city instead of the state.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Ms. Killer offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported in regard to the Tax Preparation Program they are playing catch up from the snow storm. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Shambaugh announced for Councilor Deere there will be food distribution on Tuesday at OSU Tulsa, Wednesday at Turley Church, and Saturday at the Tulsa Dream Center. Next month on Wednesdays at the Armory in Sperry. The date is yet to be determined for the one at the Catoosa Community Organization.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:55 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Todd Enlow**Taralee Montgomery**Bryan Warner**Remote:**Jennifer Kirby**Michael Lynn**Anna Knight*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tim Brown**Teddye Snell**Remote:**Jerri Killer*