



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, April 12, 2021

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 2 - Joe Byrd and Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the March minutes. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Kirby offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced Ms. Lou Stretch is available online for any ICW questions. Councilor Legg inquired about the timeline for the nutrition centers to be serving again. Councilor Byrd commented on the enormous task Ms. Kirby and her staff has taken on with all of the new COVID programs in addition to the regular workload. He inquired how many remain outstanding of the 30,000 applications taken.

ICW

Councilor Shaw inquired about the average response time referred to in the ICW report. She inquired about the number of children turned back to homes when involved child abuse, sex trafficking and other sexual actions. She inquired about counseling for all cases. She asked about recruiting for foster homes. Councilor Nofire commented on

the possibility of an advisory board. Councilor Duncan suggested the consideration of relief of financial burdens on temporary placements and/or emergency placements. Councilor Legg inquired about grandparent rights.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn gave highlights from the report provided. He gave clarification on water and sanitation department policies that were discussed during the Rules meeting. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired how much they work with ODOT. Councilor Buzzard requested the road project cost be included in the reports.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Ms. Killer reported on the emergency rental assistance program they recently kicked off. Councilor Duncan inquired if it includes Cherokee Nation rentals. Councilor Dobbins inquired if it pertains to mortgages. Councilor Coates inquired if this is only within the reservation boundaries. Councilor Duncan commented on the housing report handed out. Chair Shambaugh requested an update on the weekend and after hours emergency crew.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported there is help available to those behind on their mortgages.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced May 19th will be a food outreach for veterans in Nowata and South Coffeyville, June 2nd in Tahlequah. Chair Shambaugh inquired how the veterans are notified.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:06 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Todd Enlow
Jennifer Kirby
Tina Glory Jordan*

*Taralee Montgomery
Barbara Foreman*

*Anna Knight
Michael Lynn*

*Remote:
Lou Stretch*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell

Jerri Killer