



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, July 12, 2021

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - 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; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 2 - Harley Buzzard and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Kirby announced the food distribution warehouse would be back open to shoppers. She announced and gave an overview of the new Low-Income Water Assistance Program. Ms. Kirby also announced the Clothing Assistance Program would not have a residency requirement this year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the no residency requirement for the clothing vouchers. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the Community Youth and Adult Programs through Cherokee First. Councilor Buzzard requested further clarification on the new water program. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the ICW reports showing an increase in children neglect cases.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported on the rabies vaccine clinic recently held and announced the upcoming clinic locations. He provided an update on the transportation projects. He reported on the purchase six new transit vans. Councilor Crittenden commented the Adair County Commissioners are redistricting and inquired about the process and maps. Councilor Buzzard requested additional clarification on the new transit vans. He also inquired about the publicity of the rabies clinics and the number of participants in Jay. Councilor Smith inquired about the completion date of the Dwight Mission project.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Ms. Killer announced the College Housing Assistance Program application is online and in office from July 26th through August 26th. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin inquired about exercise equipment for the elder complexes to be updated and some be added to those who don't have any. He also commented on the sign at the Claremore apartments. Councilor Vazquez commented on the need for exercise equipment and a kitchen remodel at Buffington Heights. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the two-story apartments for elders in Jay are managed by a private company. Councilor Duncan voiced concern for the laundry areas not being open after 5:00 p.m. at Hogner Heights. Councilor Deere inquired about a concrete ramp at the Stan Watie Facility in Catoosa.

Commerce Housing Report - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight announced the wrong report was provided in the packet. She stated she would provide the correct one by email. Councilor Taylor commented the VITA Grant is an amazing return on investment.

Veterans Center - Barbara Foreman

Ms. Foreman and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the status of the brick program. Councilor Duncan inquired if they are still accepting applications for the medal of patriotism or if they have put them on hold. Councilor Dobbins inquired about assistance for the Honor Guard/Color Guard. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the grant for the Veteran Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:39 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jennifer Kirby</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>
<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>	<i>Joe Crittenden</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Jerri Killer</i>
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Remote:
Tim Brown