

Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Daryl Legg, Chair

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Monday, May 16, 2022 4:00 PM Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Legg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Sam gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Daryl Legg; Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

Absent 2 - Wes Nofire and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve the April minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Human Services Department - Jennifer Kirby

Ms. Kirby stated they are diligently working on some of the burial issues raised at the meeting last month. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn provided a report showing an overview of the ARPA funding. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the spending timeline. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on regular funds versus the ARPA funds. Mr. Lynn showed the Council a video of the Rocky Mountain School Bridge project.

Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

Housing Services - Jerri Killer

Ms. Shay Stanfill offered to answer questions in the absence of Ms. Killer. She reported they changed the rehab policy to be able to serve more households. She provided an update on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. She reported on the COVID Relief Cherokee Nation Homeowner Assistance Program. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about a storm shelter program. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the homeowners assistance funding. He requested clarification between the rental assistance program and the voucher program. Councilor Kidwell inquired if the emergency rental assistance program would be open to portions of At Large citizens and requested an breakdown showing the At Large usage. He inquired if the new program would possibly be open to the At Large citizens in Oklahoma. Councilor Austin commented the median National income is better than the State median income. Councilor Callison inquired about the changes to the rehab rules policy.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shambaugh announced the Council meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:24 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Lynn Jennifer Kirby Corey Bunch
Camerin Fite James

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shay Stanfill John Young Teddye Snell