



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, October 10, 2011

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr.; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Late Arrival 1 - Don Garvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the September 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere announced they will have a new clinical director as of the 7th of November. He is in the process of contracting with an urologist for twenty hours a week. As a follow up to questions last month he stated out of the 5,600 contract health denials last year 2,748 of those were listed under the Cherokee Nation. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Gloria Grim

Ms. Gower offered to answer questions from her report. She provided a handout of a listing of flu shots being offered. She also provided a summary sheet of the GAO report. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the Community Health Representative reporting process. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about responsibility of placing

Day Workers who are felons to work at Hastings. Chair Fullbright requested a synopsis of our dental program next month.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [11-109](#) AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF LA 16-96, THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, AS AMENDED BY LA 02-03, LA 04-04 AND LA 36-05 INCREASING DIVIDENDS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Bill John Baker announced this act would take an additional five-percent of the profits of the businesses and place it into contract health. He moved to approve and forward to Executive and Finance Committee. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion.

After discussion was held Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for a month. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yea: 6 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts

Nay: 9 - Bill John Baker; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Councilor Bill John Baker called for the question.

The motion to approve and forward to Executive and Finance committee carried with Councilors Coates, Cowan Watts and Jack D. Baker opposed.

Yea: 12 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Nay: 3 - Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates and Cara Cowan Watts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Fishinghawk announced she now has a sister who is a surgeon working for W. W. Hastings Hospital.

Chair Fullbright announced the 5:00 Executive and Legislative conference has been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:08 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Paula Ragsdale
Rick Richards*

Melissa Gower

Meredith Frailey

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Raymond Vann