



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mary Baker Shaw, Chair

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Monday, September 16, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Membership of the Councilors in the 2019 election was established.

Present 16 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 1 - Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the August 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere provided highlights from the report provided. The emergency room remodel is open, he offered to provide tours at anytime.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave appreciation to all of the Councilors who attended the orientation. He provided a handbook for those who didn't attend. He requested when the Council calls with an issue to have the name, contact number and date of birth along with the issue. He provided highlights from the report. He provided a progress update on the outpatient clinic they are transitioning into currently. A list of departments moving to

the new facility on October 7th was given along with a list moving on the 21st of October. Councilor Byrd inquired about a soft opening for the new outpatient clinic. An update was given on the Stilwell clinic construction. Dr. Jones announced they are creating a form for patients to carry with them during their visits then turn in when they leave, this will give a baseline on of time spent at each area of their visit. He provided a copy of a sample letter sent to collection agencies on behalf of contract health patients. He reported on the patient portal issue. Councilor Crittenden inquired about elders going to the old location and if they would be assisted to the new facility. Councilor Shambaugh gave appreciation for the forms. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the clinic director position in Jay and voiced concern on the handicapped parking lot distance to the front door at the Jay clinic. Councilor Patzkowski inquired about the timeframe of use for the patient time form. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of doctors and/or providers that we have lost over the last month. Councilor Shambaugh voiced concern for the wait time for mental health and behavioral health appointments. Councilor Byrd requested an organization chart for the Health Department. Chair Shaw commented on the very informative orientation provided. She requested additional information on the patient portal, if we accept veterans in our emergency rooms who are not citizens.

Cherokee Nation Home Health &
Cherokee Nation Hospice - April Moore

No one was present to report. Chief of Staff Enlow commented he would contact them and request they report next month if okay with the Chair.

PACE - Thelma Pittman

Ms. Pittman gave an update on the financials, number of participants, an open house for the Council to tour the facility, the native and non-native participant percentage. She provided a copy of the facility floor plan as requested. Chair Shaw inquired about the projected size for the Muskogee facility. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the location of the proposed facility in Muskogee.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Taylor moved to amend the agenda to include a joint venture resolution. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-080](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019 JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR RENOVATIONS AND OPERATIONS OF THE TAHLEQUAH HOSPITAL AND CLINICS

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Byrd requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried with the request to forward to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:41 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Thelma Pittman</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Steve Carey</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
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