



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Monday, August 11, 2025

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Kendra McGeady

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - Tony Deckard

Dr. Micah Nix introduced himself, provided his background and then offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls requested clarification on some of the changes happening to the Obstetrics department with the hospital transfer to the Cherokee Nation.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones provided follow up information to Councilor Blackfox-Qualls earlier question. He provided an update on the take over of the Claremore Hospital including the job offerings. He reported on the electronic health records system being down last week and confirmed the system is back up now with the exception of the patient portal. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls

inquired if the childbirth education classes would continue at Claremore. Councilor Callison inquired if they offered school physicals. Councilor Smith inquired if advance notice of the physicals is given to the schools. Councilor Shambaugh requested a follow up on the offering of tele-medicine and a dialysis treatment facility. Chair Dobbins inquired about the number of dental chairs at the current Claremore Hospital facility and the number of dental chairs will be at the new Cherokee Nation Claremore clinic.

Cherokee Nation Public Health - Lisa Pivec & Dr. David Gahn

Ms. Pivec reported on the grand opening of the Stilwell Wellness Facility. The Kawi cafe inside the wellness facility opens next week. Next Tuesday the Salina Wellness Facility opens. She reported on the school immunizations. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Tehee inquired about the timeline on the Tahlequah Wellness Facility. Councilor Sam commented on the Stilwell Wellness Facility.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-077](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH HILLCREST FOR THE PROVISION OF OBSTETRIC SERVICES AT ITS CLAREMORE FACILITY
Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. Councilor Coates requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried with a request to forward to Council that evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shambaugh commented on Chair Dobbins time as a Councilor Member and the honor it has been to serve along side.

Chair Dobbins commented on his time served as both a Council Member and as the Chair of Health Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:26 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Lisa Pivec
Brooke Neff*

*Micah Nix
Canaan Duncan*

*Corey Bunch
Steve Jones*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell

Uriah Grass

Ashley Grant

Clifton Hughes