



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, May 12, 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 15 - 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; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Joe Deere

Late Arrival 1 - Kevin Easley Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Chief Operating Officer Deckard announced Captain Murray had transferred to Pawnee. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison requested clarification on the third party revenue in the report. Mr. Deckard have highlights from the report. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if there were backup generators for the entire hospital. He also inquired if upgrades to the current Claremore facility or a new building would be more feasible.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Brian Hail gave highlights from the report in the absence of Dr. Jones. He offered to answer any questions. Councilor Kidwell requested information for telehealth. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about treatment for Alpha-Gal.

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

Ms. Pivec reported on the activities in the report, the Summer EBT Program and the WIC Farmer's Market Program for both kids and elders. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shambaugh requested a list of farmers markets and schedules. Councilor Poindexter commented on some technical difficulties with the farmers market application link. Councilor Legg requested clarification if someone receives assistance through the Farmers Market Program does it effect their ability to receive assistance from other Human Service programs. Councilor Callison commented Inola is very appreciative of the Public Health and Wellness grant.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor McGeady moved to adjourn. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:21 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Brooke Neff
Corey Bunch*

Lisa Pivec

Brian Hail

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell

Tony Deckard