



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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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 11:00 a. m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - 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.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere reported they partnered with the county health department to do a drive through flu and COVID vaccine clinic. He provided an update on the dental assistant shortage. The Physical Therapy Department has moved into the new annex. Part 2 of the annex construction continues. They are working with the Cherokee Nation on a plan for the best utilization of space. He offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Dobbins inquired if the drive through clinic turned out the numbers expected. Councilor Callison inquired if they are still do business as usual and if Cherokee Nation is just in an observation status at this point.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave appreciation to the Councilors that attended the Star Banquet. He provided an update on the construction projects. He reported on the new program in

Pharmacy. Dr. Jones spoke about the progress with the acquirement of the Claremore facility and gave an overview of what the joint venture resolution entails. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Callison inquired if asking for your date of birth is new when calling in for medicine refills. Councilor Poindexter requested clarification on the ninety-day refills. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the downtime for the new pharmacy program migration and if the mail option would be available again. She inquired about a shortage of IV fluids. She also inquired if there is currently an extended time to establish a provider. Councilor Smith commented on the cafeteria at the Tahlequah clinic and inquired if there would be one in the new hospital.

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

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report. She offered to answer question from the report provided. Councilor Tehee inquired about the Summer EBT program. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls commented on the participation at the Markoma facility referred to in the report. Councilor Poindexter commented on the Diabetic screening event here at the complex and inquired if additional events are scheduled. Councilor Hall commented on the attendance at the Welling walking trail ribbon cutting an inquired about a 5k being held there.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [24-106](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 IHS JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE CLAREMORE HEALTH FACILITY
Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shambaugh reminded everyone lunch would be provided today for the Council at the Sequoyah High School gym.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:32 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Brooke Neff</i> | <i>Steve Jones</i> | <i>Lisa Pivec</i> |
| <i>Corey Bunch</i> | <i>Canaan Duncan</i> | |

VISITORS PRESENT:

Isaac Collins
Teddy Snell

George Valliere

John Young