



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

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Monday, May 13, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

**Absent** 1 - Joe Byrd

**Late Arrival** 1 - David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the April 15th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Warner moved to approve the April 25th Public Health Sub minutes.  
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Austin requested clarification on the outpatient visits listed in the report. Councilor Taylor inquired about the number of audiologist and if the numbers reported were all seen in house. Councilor Lay inquired if they ever turn an ambulance away. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of Cherokees using the Claremore IHS facility. Chair Shaw inquired when the emergency renovation is expected to be complete. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the provider does the patient documentation or if support staff does*

*the input.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. Dr. Montgomery gave an update on the lab recall discussed last month and a drug recall for blood pressure. Councilor Taylor inquired if our pharmacies have enough of an alternate medication or a different lot of the recalled medication to cover the patients who need the medication. Chair Taylor inquired as to who is responsible for the additional cost with the lab issue. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the number of Emergency Room doctors. She voiced concern for an elder who had an extremely long wait. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if we are currently fully staffed at the Tahlequah clinic. Councilor Lay inquired about the signing of the contract with the OSU medical school. He inquired who is the contractor, who is paying for the build, who is paying for the school, are we paying OSU to teach, and who will provide security at the school. Councilor Crittenden suggested more doctors in the urgent care to reduce the wait time. He requested an update on the Stilwell Dental clinic. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if there has been a change order on the clinic. Councilor Buzzard gave appreciation for the information on the physical therapy room at the Jay Clinic. He voiced concern for exit interviews of doctors going through Human Resources rather than Mr. Jones. Chair Shaw inquired if rides are offered to dental clinics or the emergency room. She inquired as to the specialties we would be staffing for at the new Tahlequah health facility. She inquired as to the opening date for the new Tahlequah facility.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Ms. Chrissi Nimmo stated in reference to a question earlier the OSU medical school building contractor is the Cooper Flintco joint venture and it is TERO.*

**None pending.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-028](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES, TO APPLY FOR SMALL AMBULATORY PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF CHEROKEE NATION TO CONSTRUCT AMBULATORY FACILITIES AT THE WILMA P. MANKILLER HEALTH CENTER SITE.

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to be forwarded to Council this evening. Councilors Jordan and Shambaugh requested to be added as sponsors.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Councilor Dobbins gave highlights and some statistics from the OSU Med School ceremony he recently attended.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:59 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>John Young</i>	<i>Christina Carroll</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Steve Carey</i>	<i>Joe Rainwater</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Brandon Scott</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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