



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 11, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Frankie Hargis

**Late Arrival** 2 - Wanda Hatfield and David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Smith moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Ms. Kathy Smith reported for Mr. Valliere. She gave highlights from their annual safety fair they had recently. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there was an update on the orthopedic referral situation.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

*Mr. Brian Hail reported in the absence of Dr. Grim. Mr. Hail led off with a brief statement regarding a brief lapse in protocol by a nurse at W. W. Hastings Hospital. He provided clarification on some software being purchased to alleviate some confusion on getting test results back with electrocardiograms. He offered to answer questions from the report. Numerous questions and concerns were voiced in regard to the lapse in protocol. Councilor Taylor voiced concern for the phone system at the Salina clinic with lengthy hold time or no answer at all. Councilor Warner voiced concern for the phone system at the redbird pharmacy. Councilor Buzzard inquired*

*about the policy for cell phones at the hospitals and clinics. Councilor Anglen commented of a nurse practitioner graduating who wants to work for us but can't get in contact with the recruiter.*

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Councilor Walkingstick requested to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Assistant Attorney General Chrissi Nimmo stated personnel information is confidential. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion to enter executive session failed by the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard and Janees Taylor

**Nay:** 8 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith and Victoria Vazquez

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

*Councilor Byrd inquired about recommendation letters for future employment and the protocol when human resources would receive a call about previous employment. Councilor Crittenden asked for Mr. Hail's contact number.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-369](#) JOINT VENTURE PRESENTATION  
Presented by: Dr. Charles Grim  
  
Treasurer Lacey Horn and W. C. Gernandt gave a powerpoint presentation on the status of the W.W. Hastings expansion project. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the funding. Councilor Lay inquired about the completion date. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the portion we funded and the portion funded by the federal government. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the roads to the hospital, and electrical substation and solar power. Councilor Walkingstick asked if the \$80ml is contingent on being fully staffed or does it begin once the facility is fully operational. Councilor Byrd inquired about the percentage of the loan used to date and if we are on budget. He also requested a tour be set up for the Council who wish to visit the site.
2. [TMP-370](#) DISCUSSION - MEDICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS  
  
Chair Dobbins provided handouts pertaining to the cost of entering into medical school. He talked about the admission process and the scholarships available. He suggested if it is determined to fund medical school scholarships that we also model the service pay back option. Councilor Lay commented on the Directed Studies program. Councilor Walkingstick suggested a partnership with Indian Health Services on these scholarships. Councilor Byrd suggested following up with Health to determine the specific need and develop a proposal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Dobbins announced Operation Orange is at the Sequoyah gym on Thursday.*

*Councilor Warner made a motion to form a Public Health Subcommittee to meet on the last Thursday of every other month at 11:00 a.m. when Culture committee isn't being held. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:15 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Doug Nolan</i>
<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>
<i>Wayne Coldwell</i>	<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>
<i>Julie Hubbard</i>		

## VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Kathy Smith</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>W. G. Gernandt</i>
<i>Jamie Geneva</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	