



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mary Baker Shaw, Chair

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Monday, January 14, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin 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; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve the December regular session and the Public Health Sub minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Shaw requested Secretary of State, Hoskin Jr., come before the committee and give a breakdown of the federal government shutdown and the impact here at the Nation.

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere was not present to report do the federal government shutdown.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones provided a handout of an overview of the audiology program as a follow-up of questions from last month. Councilor Anglen inquired about full time ultrasound techs at the Nowata and Ochelata clinics. Councilor Vazquez inquired about replacement of

the batteries in the hearing aids. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the renovation at the Wilma P. Clinic. Councilor Lay inquired about transportation from one clinic to another. He inquired about an uptick of phone calls on denials for contract health at Claremore. Councilor Buzzard relayed a concern he had received about being double billed. He requested a breakdown of the number of veterans seen at each clinic. He also inquired about the behavioral health waiting list and emergency situations. Councilor Hatfield inquired if elders have priority in the optometry clinic. She also inquired about the long waiting period for getting your initial appointment in optometry. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the future use of the orthopedic and physical therapy building at Hastings. He inquired about the contract with OSU and if Indian preference would be practiced. He voiced concern for tearing down the current building to rebuild for the OSU medical school. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the compensation for the medical surgery nurses. Chair Shaw inquired about the salary for the lab employees once they move from the hospital to the clinic. She requested clarification on a cardiology patient. When will the orthopedic and optometry clinics move and what is the cost of these moves. When is the new clinic scheduled to open? Will the formulary be available online? What is the status of the medical network being available for our citizens.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Anglen moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:53 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Steve Carey</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Chrissie Moore</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Randy Dirteater</i>
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