

**Minutes**  
**Health, Education & Welfare Committee**  
**June 12, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Joyce C. Deere, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Representative Robert Hufft

**ROLL CALL:** April Lindsey, Legislative Clerk accounted for five members present and none counted absent/excused at the time of roll call. **Members present:** Mary Crawford, Joyce Deere, Anna Marshall, Robert Hufft, and Leonard Gouge. **Members absent/excused:**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** Yes. Five members present constitutes a quorum. Therefore, any business transacted will be valid.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 10, 2023

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion **to approve the minutes with any changes necessary**. Representative Leonard Gouge seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS:**

Cromwell Volunteer Fire Department

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion **to Approve Cromwell Volunteer Fire Department**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**TR 23-059** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE RE-NOMINATION OF NOLEN ROBINSON, JR. TO SERVE ON THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ELECTION BOARD

Representative Mary Crawford made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Anna Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**TR 23-060** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Representative Mary Crawford made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Anna Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**NCA 23-030** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING A NEW LAW IN TITLE 35, CHAPTER 13 SUBCHAPTER 2, ENTITLED “Tribal Grave House Assistance Program”

Representative Leonard Gouge made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**TR 23-061** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A LICENSE PURCHASE MASTER CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH PLEXIS HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Representative Mary Crawford made a motion to **Postpone Indefinitely**. Representative Anna Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**TR 23-062** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TR 19-076 (A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO SUSPEND ALL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DONATIONS) AS AMENDED BY TR 20-150, TR 21-080, TR 22-128, TR 22-143, TR 22-150, TR 22-155, TR 23-170 AND TR 23-045

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes	Joyce Deere –	Leonard Gouge – Yes
Anna Marshall – Yes	Robert Hufft – Yes	

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**NCA 23-048** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 35, § 14-102 ENTITLED “Annual appropriation”

Representative Mary Crawford made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Mary Crawford made a motion to **Amend the title adding “AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MVSKOKE NATION YOUTH SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET”**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes	Joyce Deere –	Leonard Gouge – Yes
Anna Marshall – Yes	Robert Hufft – Yes	

Back to the Main Motion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes	Joyce Deere –	Leonard Gouge – Yes
Anna Marshall – Yes	Robert Hufft – Yes	

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**NCA 23-052** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST MUSCOGEE (CREEK) ELDERS ATTENDING THE NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. (NICOA) CONFERENCE

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mary Crawford seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**  
**\*Representative Robert Hufft was added as a Co-Sponsor.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**NCA 23-053** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 22-142 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 15 CHAPTER 1. ENTITLED OFFICIAL HONOR GUARD TO ESTABLISH A WOMEN’S HONOR GUARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ESTE CATE HOKTVKE SULETAWV HONOR GUARD)

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mary Crawford seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**  
**\*Representative Leonard Gouge was added as a Co-Sponsor.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**NCA 23-054** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 35 CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED “TRIBAL BURIAL ASSISTANCE AND FOOD FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM” AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR BURIAL ASSISTANCE

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Postpone till the next HEW meeting**. Representative Anna Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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**NCA 23-059** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP REVOLVING FUND

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Leonard Gouge seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes

Joyce Deere –

Leonard Gouge – Yes

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Anna Marshall – Yes

Robert Hufft – Yes

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Discussion:**

Representative Leonard Gouge made a motion to **Go into Executive Session**. Representative Mary Crawford seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

Health Systems Update – Secretary of Health, Mr. Shawn Terry  
Health Systems Finance Update – Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Crawford

In Executive Session at: 2:50 p.m.  
Out of Executive Session at: 3:09 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Representative Mary Crawford gave benediction and served as adjournment.  
**Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.**

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**APPROVAL**

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Joyce C. Deere, Chairperson

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Legislative Clerk

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Date