

**Minutes**  
**Health, Education & Welfare Committee**  
**October 11, 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:**

September 20, 2023

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion **to approve the minutes with any changes necessary**. 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 23-101** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REINTEGRATION DEPARTMENT AND CODY MINYARD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC

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  
Anna Marshall – Yes

Joyce Deere –  
Robert Hufft – Yes

Leonard Gouge – Yes

**NCA 23-116** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL

(CDC) AND PREVENTION, STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS  
IN INDIAN COUNTRY GRANT

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

**NCA 23-117** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FY 2023 GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Representative Mary Crawford 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  
Anna Marshall – Yes                      Robert Hufft – Yes

**NCA 23-118** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Representative Mary Crawford 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  
Anna Marshall – Yes                      Robert Hufft – Yes

**NCA 23-119** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM

Representative Mary Crawford 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  
Anna Marshall – Yes                      Robert Hufft – Yes

**NCA 23-120** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EUFAULA DORMITORY

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.**

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

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Add NCA 23-131 to the Agenda**. 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	

**NCA 23-131** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CENTER FOR VICTIM SERVICES

Representative Anna Marshall 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
Anna Marshall – Yes	Robert Hufft – Yes	

**Discussion:**

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

Representative Leonard Gouge made a motion to **go into Executive Session**. 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: **3 in favor, 1 against. Motion carried.**

Mary Crawford – Yes	Joyce Deere –	Leonard Gouge – Yes
Anna Marshall – No	Robert Hufft – Yes	

**In Executive Session: 2:43 p.m.**  
**Out of Executive Session: 2:52 p.m.**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Representative Anna Marshall gave benediction and served as adjournment.  
**Meeting adjourned at 2:53 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