

Bo Taylor

To the people of Big Cove and Tow String Communities,

It has been an honor and privilege serving as your Council Representative. I am seeking a second term. Although humbled by the trust placed in me as an elected official, I do not consider myself a politician; I consider myself a representative of the people, one who must live and work within our community, striving to improve the lives of each enrolled member.

As a Council member, I have grounded myself with love of God, hard work, and personal responsibility. We must embrace technology as we face the challenges of the modern world, while maintaining our core cultural values of working together for the common good as we embrace the concept of Gadugi.

As a first time Councilman, I had much to learn about our complex tribal government. I had clear and concise objectives for my first term and feel confident I met most of them. I humbly believe I have earned re-election and I would bring my education and experience to bear on important issues facing our Tribe.



First term accomplishments include:

- Active and vocal member of Council, ensuring all sides are heard; weighing information before voting in best interest of community/Tribe
- Seeking better understanding of issues by attending even un-assigned committees; drawing on others' expertise, including working closely with fellow representatives
- Cultural awareness: Council Rep for Tri-council event, re-introduction of Beloved Man status; fighting for our rights to gather food and medicine in National Park
- Advocated for and oversaw implementation of technological advances for our community
- Represented EBCI at state and national levels at NCAI, USET, American Indian Housing, BIA. Issues ranging from working with FEMA to fighting to exercise our rights as sovereign Nation
- Communication: encouraged feedback from community; wrote regular reports for paper to inform of current issues and events

Goals for my second term include:

- Promote full utilization of GRANICUS System, which will provide transparency and efficiency for tribal government
- Create opportunity for enrolled members to have decent employment, healthcare, access to education, social services
- Instill values of hard work and giving people tools to achieve their full potential
- Safeguard interests of EBCI as financial powerhouse in Western NC

Thank you for your support. I would welcome the opportunity of serving you again. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at 828-736-2947.

Prayerfully,
Bo Taylor

Lori Taylor

Siyo,

My name is Lori Taylor, and I reside in the Big Cove Community. I am the daughter of the late Julius Taylor and Nellie Armachain-Taylor. I have three children; Tyler, Whitney and Madison Rogers. I am a graduate of Western Carolina University. I currently work at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians within the Legal Division.

I bring with me knowledge, experience, and solutions to issues/concerns that are shared by the enrolled members of the Big Cove Community as well as the tribe as a whole. I am asking for your help to address these issues/concerns and enhance the lives of our enrolled members.

If elected, I will address:

- Financial irresponsibility within the Tribe
- Accountability, values, ethics, morals of our government
- Ensure the people's voice and their voting rights are respected
- Attention to Casino and all decisions made in regards to the Tribe's finances
- Commitment to the elders and children of the EBCI
- Economic growth to ensure stability of the Tribe
- The inconsistency of boards/committees
- Traditions/cultural aspects to strengthen and protect our sovereignty
- The rights of enrolled members and how to fight and protect those rights
- Respect of wildlife/land of this Tribe and ensure protection
- The people's knowledge of current and upcoming issues that the Tribe face

I am asking for your support June 6, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Taylor at (828) 554-6218 or (828) 497-5629. I will be happy to meet with you and discuss my plan.

Mary Welch Thompson

Mary Welch Thompson 497-5533

To the voting members of Big Cove & Tow String, I am asking for your vote so that I may serve our community in Tribal government. If elected:

- I will keep our community my priority. By working and visiting in our community I can stay in touch with our members. I will know who needs assistance, who has an emergency, what is needed, and how I should vote on issues facing Tribal Government.
- I will do my homework. I will research issues facing Tribal Government, to better understand the issues and accurately answer question from community members. I will ask pertinent questions and offer reasonable solutions to benefit the Tribe and our members.
- I want to do projects for Big Cove and Tow String. We want what other communities get, using tribal funds. I will continue to find grant funding for youth and community projects when tribal funds are not available. With your help, our community can develop and prosper.
- I can't change the past actions of the Tribe, but I understand your concerns about a new hospital...or more services, gaming...and costs, land acquisitions...land in trust, and overall debt of the tribe. I will make every effort to get all information out to our members to keep you informed.
- Tribal Council, when in session, is a powerful legislative body. As such, we should concentrate our efforts on passage of tribal laws (ordinances) to protect and enhance the welfare of Cherokee Indians. Our members want crimes prosecuted. Too many parents are leaving their kids for grandparents to raise. How many drug dealers are sitting out there waiting for June 1st. Council's legislative duty is tribal law, and budgets.
- I am not pursuing this Tribal Council position to get my family a job, micro-manage tribal programs or waste the tribes money traveling. Tribal Council should pass policy, so managers can run programs, and provide services fairly to all. Is it a perception that the politically connected get everything (or get away with everything) and the rest of us don't?
- I will return phone calls and continue to visit to get your opinions. I have been involved in community progress for Big Cove and Tow String for more than 15 years. We have built bridges, playgrounds, consistently taken 1st place at the fair. If elected I will have more time to contribute.



Perry Shell

It is an honor and pleasure to serve the Cherokee people and the Big Cove Community. The present and future well being and safety of all enrolled members has been at the heart of my decisions since becoming a Tribal Representative. During the time I have served we have accomplished a lot, but my work is not finished.

Our Tribal Government has a responsibility to look toward the future while at the same time we are charged with providing the opportunity for our people to lead fulfilling and productive lives today. As we move forward we face many challenges in all areas of Tribal government and Tribal Programs. Areas such as health care, housing, roads, finance, infrastructure, public safety, and education. And while doing this we must do it with the limited resources we have available. We have been blessed to have the financial means to provide the many services and programs that we enjoy today, but we still have many areas in which we can improve. Although the Federal government has a legal obligation to care for the welfare of Native people, we cannot depend on them. We are because of budget constraints forced more and more to provide services that the Federal government has failed to deliver on, such as healthcare, education, and housing.

In order to meet our governmental responsibilities, I would advocate for slowing down growth while increasing our financial resources. We have many programs today that were put in place without sufficient operational planning and are running on very limited resources. In the future I will advocate seeking additional funding through grants and operational savings, especially in those programs that overspend. Additionally, I will advocate for spending outside the business district of Cherokee, and focus spending on community needs such as internet access, housing, public safety, and protecting our natural resources.

Our children are our future, and in order to enable them to secure the Tribe's future, I will strongly advocate policies that nurture, protect, and strengthen them spiritually, mentally, culturally and physically. I will also advocate for policies and programs that do the same for our elders. I support a much needed drug and alcohol treatment center, and I will seek funding to ensure that the treatment center is built and staffed. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you and I would appreciate your vote again in June and September.

Thanks,

Perry M. Shell
Tribal Council Representative
Big Cove Community
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