

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
October 19, 2007**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present:

Beth Alexander
Linda Briggs
Katie Case
Tim Colbert
Holly Easterling
Mary Jo Green
Donna Hartman (Late arrival, 9:03)
Dean McManus
Judy Goforth Parker
Wanda Blackwood Scott
Steve Woods
Scott Colbert

Member absent:

David Woerz

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present:

James A. Humes, Tamra Lindley, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson,
Dana Hudspeth, Traile G. Glory, Michael L. Wingo, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

Presentation

Ms. Briggs presented a plaque and beaded gavel to Chairperson Scott Colbert for his service as Chairperson for the past two years.

AGENDA ITEM #4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Green nominated Ms. Briggs as Chairperson. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the nomination. A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott that Ms. Briggs be declared Chairperson by acclamation. All votes yes; zero votes no.

Mr. Tim Colbert nominated Dr. Goforth Parker as Secretary. Ms. Green seconded the nomination. A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert that Dr. Goforth Parker be declared Secretary by acclamation. All votes yes; zero votes no.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Mrs. Doretta Sellers to serve as Recording Secretary. Ms. Green seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of the nomination.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Mr. Harold Stick to serve a Sergeant-At-Arms. Ms. Donna Hartman seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of the motion.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - September 21, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve the September 21, 2007 minutes.

Ms. Alexander felt there were discrepancies on one of the resolutions and that more comments should be reflected in the minutes. Mr. Woods noted corrections to the guests list.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to table the September 21, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods,
Scott Colbert
12 yes votes

The motion to table the minutes of September 21, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Alexander made comments on the procedure followed at the last Legislative Session regarding call for the question.

AGENDA ITEM #7

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-062, Request for Amendment to Consolidated Tribal Budget FY 2008

The Chickasaw Nation places great importance upon its elders and believes in providing services to them commensurate with the wisdom and leadership that they provide to the Nation throughout their lives. This resolution requests the Governor to make amendments to the Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the addition of health programs to better serve the Nation's elders living within and outside the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-062.

Ms. Hartman asked to which health program the money would be applied. Chairperson Briggs stated that it had not yet been determined. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott stated it was intended for referral services. Ms. Alexander asked how the amount of \$150,000 was determined. Mr. Tim Colbert suggested tabling the resolution to see if additional funding was needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to table GR24-062.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman,
Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
8 yes votes

Members voting no:

Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Wanda Blackwood Scott
4 no votes

The motion to table GR24-062 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 25-002, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI as Governor Bill Anoatubby with first alternate being Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, the second alternate being Tribal Legislator Linda Briggs and the third alternate being Tribal Legislator Wanda Blackwood Scott.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-002.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods,
Scott Colbert
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-002 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 25-001, Authorization for Acquisition of a Utility Easement in Love County

This resolution approves the Nation's acceptance, through the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority (CTUA), of a perpetual utility easement through, over, under, and across approximately 1.92 acres of fee property in Thackerville, Love County, Oklahoma. The easement is necessary for purposes of ensuring adequate water, wastewater, and communications (*i.e.*, telephone and computer) service to the Nation's expanding WinStar Casino. The easement would also include a temporary right, which right would run during the period of the CTUA's

construction of the utility infrastructure, to a 40' wide strip of land running along the eastern and southern boundaries of the permanent easement tract.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR25-001.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods,
Scott Colbert
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-001 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs and Dr. Goforth Parker thanked the Legislators for their support to serve this next year as Chairperson and Secretary. Ms. Alexander voiced her appreciation to the employees for their hard work during the Chickasaw Festival in making it a success and for those that helped deliver food commodities in the Panola District.

Mr. James A. Humes stated he would like for the Nation to handle issues of probate land for the elders. He reiterated his desire for tribal car tags and a need to change the session date to Saturday.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding changes in the laws that should be made for citizens to receive per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature